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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/28/74

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-45998) (c)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Title marked changed to reflect subject's middle name.

Enclosed for Bureau are five copies of self-explanatory LHM for dissemination.

[REDACTED] interviewed at [REDACTED] Massachusetts, on February 26, 1974, and stated he has had no contact with VVAW or its members since 7/4/72, and at that time there were six members in the [REDACTED] Massachusetts area. [REDACTED] advised he has made no attempt to affiliate himself with the VVAW as in his opinion the VVAW has become too radical and seems oriented toward Communism and also does not have any goals or causes to support.

[REDACTED] added that since the United States withdrawal from Vietnam, he has no reason to be concerned with the VVAW.

In view of the above, [REDACTED] does not appear to be of any value as a PSI to Boston and his activities do not justify continued investigation.

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First source [REDACTED]

Second source [REDACTED]

Massachusetts Police Department

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Sources contacted concerning subject in February, 1974 are as follows:

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[REDACTED]

A preliminary inquiry has been initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if he is a leader or activist of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldiers Organization (VVAW/WSO), activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion for Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating an Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), and 793 (Espionage).

A confidential source furnished information on September 24, 1973 that the name [REDACTED] Massachusetts 01420 appeared on a VVAW/WSO chapter and region list as of September 8, 1973.

VVAW/WFO was organized in New York City in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. VVAW/WSO engaged in various protest activities but during late 1971 demonstrated increasing militancy, culminating in December, 1971 with VVAW/WSO takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings. Information was also developed indicating that some VVAW/WSO chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by Communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party. Certain VVAW/WSO leaders were quoted as telling members VVAW/WSO is a revolutionary organization and not "just another group of war veterans." VVAW/WSO leaders have traveled to North Vietnam and have reportedly established liaison with revolutionary or terrorist groups internationally. In January, 1973 at a National Steering Committee meeting, VVAW/WSO leaders discussed programs aimed at obtaining support from or influencing active duty military personnel. They also discussed obtaining access to classified Government

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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information to be used against United States interests and one leader subsequently actively engaged in such activity. There were also indications at this meeting that VVAW/WSO activists possessed the technical knowledge and training to carry out any revolutionary program proposed. In August, 1973 at a National Steering Committee meeting, some members of the national leadership promoted education of the entire VVAW/WSO membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine directing the organization into political growth along Marxist-Leninist lines. The VVAW/WSO currently has a factional dispute between Maoist and Stalinist groups. The Stalinist group is supported by the National Office of VVAW/WSO. Additionally, the National Office contributed financial support to a program of recruitment of military personnel designed to promote political indoctrination with the objective of creating disruption and disorientation within the military at such time as there is a revolution within the United States. VVAW/WSO is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

b7c 1973 that [REDACTED] A second confidential source advised on October 30, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Massachusetts.

Residence

On October 30, 1973, the above source advised that [REDACTED] had resided at [REDACTED] Massachusetts with his wife Deborah for two or three years.

The same source advised that [REDACTED] had resided at [REDACTED] with his parents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] prior to his marriage which occurred shortly after his return [REDACTED] from Vietnam in 1971.

Employment

The second source advised on October 30, 1973, that [REDACTED] was employed at that time as [REDACTED] by the [REDACTED] Company, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Arrest Record Check

On October 30, 1973, the second source advised that [REDACTED] had never been arrested in the [REDACTED] Massachusetts area.

On December 20, 1974, records of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal and traffic conviction records within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were checked concerning [REDACTED] and no arrest record could be located.

Activities

On October 30, 1973, the second source advised that on July 4, 1972, [REDACTED] had participated in a VVAW march held in [REDACTED] Massachusetts to protest American participation in the war in Southeast Asia.

The VVAW is a veterans' organization with a national office at 25 West 26th Street, New York, New York. Its first published objective is "to demand an immediate cessation of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina." VVAW has participated in several demonstrations, including a massive demonstration in Washington, D.C., during the period April 19-23, 1971.

Informants who are familiar with subversive activities and in particular activities of the VVAW/WSO in the New England area were contacted concerning [REDACTED] during February, 1974. These informants had no information concerning Visco.

Results of Interview

On February 26, 1974, [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] Massachusetts by a Special Agent of the FBI. Results of this interview are set forth below.

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b7c [REDACTED] Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

He stated he is no longer affiliated with Vietnam Veterans against the War (VVAW) for several reasons. He stated since the withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam and the ending of the United States active fighting, the VVAW was no longer an appropriate means of expressing its opposition to the war. He stated that in his opinion the VVAW had changed its philosophy and appears now to be aligned with the ideals of Communism. Additionally, [REDACTED] of the opinion that some of the national leaders were members of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and did not agree with the philosophy of the PLP. He declined to state how he knew this or the identities of other leaders.

He explained that his last involvement with the VVAW was during July, 1972 at which time there was an anti-war march in [REDACTED] Massachusetts, in which six members of the VVAW from the [REDACTED] area participated. He stated that he has had no contact with the other VVAW members since July, 1972. He added that he did not have any interest in participating in the VVAW activities at the Republican Party's Convention in Miami, Florida during August, 1972, and did not participate.

He stated that to his knowledge the VVAW is not active anywhere in Massachusetts and it was his opinion the only active members in the New England area were in Rutland, Vermont.

He explained that on the mailing labels of various periodicals sent to him from the VVAW in Chicago, Illinois he was referred to as the "Area Coordinator," he stated this was incorrect and at no time did he ever hold any position of leadership or responsibility with the VVAW.

Interviewed on 2/26/74 at [REDACTED] Massachusetts File # Boston 100-45596
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/5/74

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He concluded by stating that he is affiliated with no political groups and is not active in any political activities.

Physical Description

Name

Race

White

Sex

Male

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

911
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Vietnam

Height

Weight

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pounds

Build

Medium

Marital Status

Wife

Residence

Street
Massachusetts

Employment

at

Social Security Account
Number

MRS

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general information

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Former VVAW/WSO Member Charged in Slaying

Joe Remiro, a former member of the Oakland, Calif. chapter of VVAW/WSO, was recently charged with the slaying of Oakland School Superintendent, Dr. Marcus Foster. The press has carried a number of very inflammatory stories regarding this case that have tried, by innuendo, to link our organization with the murder. We are enclosing the press statement released by the NO in regards to this on Jan. 15th.

Gary Lawton-Zurebu Gardner Trial

The third trial of Gary Lawton and Zurebu Gardner will begin sometime in March. In past newsletters and at the National Steering Committee meeting it was decided that chapters and individuals would send telegrams or letters to several people demanding that the third trial not occur. For those chapters and individuals who have not yet sent their letters and telegrams, the following addresses are for your use:

John Hews
Presiding Judge
Riverside Superior Court
4050 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Norton Younglove
Chairman
Riverside County Board
of Supervisors
4050 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Byron Morton
DA of Riverside County
3535 Tenth Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Copies of the letters and telegrams should be sent to the RPPDC, PO Box 5154, San Bernardino, California 92412. A special thanks to those chapters who suggested

Bogue Chitto/Cairo - Clothing Truck Arrives

An 18-foot truck filled with clothing left St. Louis on January 19th, stopping in Cairo to unload half of the clothes and arriving in Bogue Chitto late that night. The clothes were collected over the past few months, mainly, by the Friends of the United Front (of Cairo) in St. Louis. The truck was driven to Bogue Chitto by members of the St. Louis Chapter of VVAW/WSO.

In this project with the United Front, we agreed to handle the transportation in return for half of the clothing they would collect. The total bill will come to about \$300, including getting the driver back to St. Louis. (The truck was turned in in Selma.) We have collected all but \$70 of this from the Chapters. Since the National Office is not "out of the woods" in regard to money, we ask that each chapter consider sending in another \$5.00 to help us cover the money that we laid out for the truck rental and gas expenses. We would also be interested in hearing from Chapters that would like to plug into another clothing drive in the Spring or Summer.

Buttons For Sale

The long awaited announcement about the new VVAW/WSO buttons is here !!! We have 3,000 new buttons for sale at 10¢ each. The buttons are just like the old ones except that it says, Vietnam Veterans Against the War - Winter Soldier Organization on them. Please order them soon as they are moving like hot-cakes. When these 3,000 are gone, we will re-order. Please make checks payable to VVAW/WSO and be the first on your block to have a new button !!!

Trotskyism - Analysis Available

Left in Form, Right in Essence - A Critique of Contemporary Trotskyism, is a 32-page pamphlet written by Carl Davidson who is a staff writer for the Guardian newspaper. The pamphlet covers, in broad outline, both the historical and present-day issues raised in the people's struggle by the Trotskyists and presents a rebuttal to their views from a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint.

Questions discussed in the pamphlet include: The permanent revolution, socialism in one country, the two-stage theory in the national liberation movement, the united front against fascism, and others. The author also discusses the Trotskyist view of China, both historically and today, and gives an account of the origins of the Trotskyist movement in the United States. Of particular interest is the examination of the present theory and practice of the Trotskyists, specifically the Socialist Workers party, and the unity of their reformist views with the modern revisionists.

Although the pamphlet contains a lot of theory which may require other reading to fully grasp, the pamphlet does offer an excellent starting point for analyzing Trotskyism, especially as it relates to VVAW/WSO and our position on Indochina and imperialism. Prices for the pamphlet are: 1 to 9 copies, 65¢ each; 10 to 49 copies, 50¢ each; 50 or more copies, 40¢ each. It is available from: Guardian Pamphlets, 32 West 22nd Street, New York, NY 10011.

regional report



Indochina Demonstrations -

In line with the Indochina Workshop at the NSCM, which called for demonstrations on or around the 27th of January, the following chapters have informed us of what they are planning for that weekend:

Chicago, Illinois - A march and rally with three speakers talking on the three different demands: Implement the Treaty/End all Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; Universal and unconditional Amnesty for all War Resisters; Kick Nixon Out!! One of the speakers will be John Young, former POW. About 10-15 other organizations will be participating in the march called by the Chicago chapter.

Washington DC - The chapter will join in a march and rally with the Ad Hoc Committee to Honor the Vietnam Peace Accords. The march will wind up at either the Saigon Military Procurement Office or the State Department. That night there will be an informal meeting for the public by the speakers, which includes Tim Butz of the chapter.

Colorado - The chapters of the Colorado region will conduct a two day fast at the State Capitol Building in Denver. On Sunday, January 27th, they will break their fast with a Vietnamese meal and will sing songs composed by Vietnamese political prisoners. All are invited to the fast and meal.

Northern California - The chapters of Northern California will take part in a demonstration with the Indochina Solidarity Committee. This action will consist of exhibits, slides, films, etc. At night a public meeting will be held and one of the speakers is a VVAW/WSO member with a UD who will speak on amnesty. The California regional meeting will attend the night session.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin - The chapter will sponsor a march and rally which will take place in their local community. The demonstration will have the three demands of the organization as per the NSCM.

Bogue Chitto - The collective will be leafletting schools and churches in the area for three days.

Pennsylvania - Several of the PA chapters will leaflet and petition over the weekend in Philadelphia. They are aiming for 10,000 signatures on the petitions.

Tallahassee, Florida - The chapter will conduct a teach-in about Indochina.

Buffalo, New York - The chapter will conduct a picket line in downtown Buffalo with the three demands being focused.

London, England - The London Chapter will conduct a vigil with the British Campaign for Peace in Vietnam on January 27th at the US embassy.

All chapters conducting demonstrations, etc. should send us reports and pictures for possible inclusion in the next issue of Winter Soldier.

Committee to Defend the Leavenworth Brothers

The Committee to Defend the Leavenworth Brothers (temporary name of the defense committee being established by VVAW/WSO to defend the charges now coming down at Leavenworth Federal Prison) is pulling together quite well. Several people within the Kansas City community have exhibited interest in the defense, and the committee should be in full-swing in the very near future. Kansas City VVAW/WSO is responsible for the formation and coordination of this defense committee and the brothers who have been (and will be) indicted are members of the Leavenworth Prison chapter of VVAW/WSO.

There are no new developments as far as further indictments are concerned, and the grand jury has not yet reached any decisions. Also, there have been no developments regarding a trial date for the three brothers (Odell Bennett, Alf Hill and Alfred Jasper) recently indicted on trumped-up charges stemming from two incidents which occurred in late August and in October. (For information on these charges see the January issue of Winter Soldier).

There are some problems, however, in that Odell Bennett has been transferred back to Leavenworth from Springfield Medical Facility in Missouri. This transfer occurred approximately three weeks ago, and Odell has been on a hunger-strike since the transfer occurred. The rationale behind this strike is that Odell is demonstrating his resistance to the brutality of Leavenworth. His life is not safe while he is in Leavenworth; and knowing that it is a policy of the Bureau of Prisons to transfer prisoners who are ill or not eating to the nearest medical facility, Odell is protesting so that he may be sent back to Springfield. Letters of support may be sent to Odell at: #85504-132, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. Also, letters protesting the Bureau of Prison's refusal to comply with their own policy and move Odell out of Leavenworth should be sent to:

Melvin Smith Publicity -

The Buffalo chapter of VVAW/WSO wrote letters to all the newspapers and radio stations informing them of the case of Melvin Smith. As a result of their letters the chapter got two radio call-in shows and a story on Smith was published in the Buffalo Challenger, which is the Black community newspaper. Two of the largest papers in Buffalo are interested in doing a story. All this was accomplished by letters. If other chapters tried the same thing on Smith, Lawton, County Fair, etc. it would probably result in the same experience as occurred in Buffalo. It is at least worth a try.

national report

Winter Soldier -

The February issue of Winter Soldier cost \$921. (This does not include the price of materials and shipping). The price for printing, ink and paper has risen over 12% in the last six months. It has become necessary to put the directives from the National Steering Committee meeting into practice. Subscriptions and donations are imperative if we are to continue printing.

** Chapters holding demonstrations on or about the 27th of January - Please send in photos and reports by the 5th of February for use in the next issue of WS.

Letter of Censure

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Letter of Censure ordered by the Yellow Springs, Ohio NSCM. The letter was sent to both the CPUSA and to the World Peace Council on the 9th of January. While there are a few extra copies of it available from the National Office, it is suggested that regions have it reproduced locally if they need more.

VVAW/WSO GI News -

Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of the December issue of VVAW/WSO GI News. It was delayed in being sent out for financial reasons and the NSCM. The Newsletter will be sent out now at the beginning of each month in the National Newsletter. We ask that each chapter send a regular subscription price to the NOSCAM office in Chicago to help pay for this publication. Please support your GI newsletter. The subscription blank is on the second to last page of the GI News. It costs \$3 per

Prison Work

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, VVAW/WSO adopted prison work as a national project. Chapters and regions should pay close attention to the prison workshop report and the report on prisons in the National Office Reports. The minutes include the responsibilities of the regions with regard to prison work, and these should be carried out as soon as possible. Also, regions should pay close attention to the suggestions for prison organizing that are included in the minutes. There are some good ideas as to where to begin doing prison work. Also, as new ideas arise, they should be sent to the Project Office (which is located in the National Office). The Project Office is to begin publishing a prison newsletter which will be sent to all chapters and to our prison mailing list. It was stressed in Yellow Springs that this newsletter will be dependent on in-put from the regions. We need to know what is going on in the prisons in your area in order to have material for the newsletters. We are planning to mail the newsletter to prisoners along with the Winter Soldier. In light of this, we are setting the 1st of every month as the deadline for prison reports from the regions to be sent to the Project Office. This will enable us to complete the prison newsletter before the push on the newspaper begins. So, send in news for the prison newsletter by the 1st.

There were a few very important points raised during the Prison Workshop as far as prison organizing is concerned which aren't contained in the minutes. The first point is that if we were to apply a "rule" to prison organizing, it could probably best be put into the word "consistency." This means that without the prisoners, we can't have much of a prison project; therefore, contact with the prisoners in your region has to be consistent. It is a heavy responsibility to keep correspondence up and visiting adds to this load. If people in the chapters are not committed to fulfilling this responsibility, then they should not be given the job. In short, the flow of information must be kept moving -- between the chapters and prisons, and between the chapters and the Project Office.

Secondly, it is vitally important that we listen to what the prisoners are telling us. If they request that you cool it for a while because the heat may be coming down, then by all means DO WHAT THEY SAY. They are in the best position to know what is going on, and we must follow their instructions at all times (unless someone asks you to do something totally unreasonable). We are not about the business of getting people in more trouble than they already have, so watch what you do, and remember that it is safe to assume that all mail will be read by prison officials.

Along with this point goes the idea that we have to protect our "contacts" as much as possible. This means that we should not be passing around their names and the activities the prisoners are involved in. If a new person writes for information and is interested in the organization, then by all means, answer him/her. However, if you have other contacts in the same prison that you have been in touch with for quite some time and trust, do not give that name out to the "new" contact. Instead, pass the "new" name on to the old contact and have the person you know best look the other person up. Also, if other people come around looking for prison contacts, don't give out the names unless you are sure why they want the names and that they are honest folks. Our prison membership is not now public information and should be guarded with some discretion. There are informants everywhere, and there are probably more inside the pri-

Don Kemp Convicted!

The trial of Don Kemp began on January 14th and was over by the afternoon of the 18th. In actuality, the trial of Don was to determine whether or not he was insane at the time his wife was murdered; so the week in the Waukesha was in effect a sanity hearing. The jury was to determine: "whether or not a defendant was in a reasonable degree of medical certainty, did suffer from a mental disease or defect so as not to have the ability to appreciate the wrongfulness of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the specifications of the law." The jury was to give a yes or no answer to this, and after deliberating less than an hour, the jury unanimously voted that Don was sane.

Don has 90 days to appeal this decision, and in order to do so, we find that he is faced with the same problem that many other political prisoners are discovering -- he cannot find an attorney to handle his appeal. The appeal will first be presented in the State Supreme Court, and the higher court can make one of three decisions for trial. Either they can try the case themselves (which is unlikely because it will be a heavy precedent setting case); they can send the case back to Waukesha County (which probably won't happen because they have already had the case twice); or they can pass the hearing on to the Federal Supreme Court (which is probably what will eventually happen).

Don also has a criminal conspiracy suit filed against several individuals in his case. One of these people is a Dr. Cahill (the D.A.'s prize witness) who was the only doctor that testified that Don was sane at the time of the shooting. All of the other professional people stated that he definitely was suffering from PVS. Though the majority of testimony was extremely technical in nature, it looks as though the jury didn't pay much attention to it because of the fact that they only deliberated for less than an hour.

The Defense Committee looks at the trial as a success in many ways. Many people in the conservative town of Waukesha were reached (as were people all over the state). Also, the D.A. was well exposed as a pig, and there is already a movement started to have him deposed at the up-coming election in which the D.A. is running for judge. The media in Milwaukee and Waukesha is doing a lot of good follow-up work, both around Don and the D.A., so the case of Don and PVS is far from being a dead issue.

The Defense Committee is somewhat concerned about the welfare of Don. He is back in Waupun State Prison, and there may be some danger to his life because of the criminal conspiracy case that Don has filed. Because of this, people are asked to send letters to the Warden at Waupun, asking that Don's welfare be safe-guarded. The address is: Warden Gray, Box C, Waupun, Wisc. 53963.

Don's spirits are high and he sends his love to VVAW/WSO members everywhere. If people wish to write to Don and offer their support, he may be contacted at the same address as Warden Gray.

amnesty

Amnesty -- Get DUPs Going ASAP

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was decided that from the "first of January, 1974 through late spring, major efforts will be made to set up official VVAW/WSO Discharge Upgrading Projects in all areas that it is feasible." This is just a timely reminder that NOW is the time we should be doing this. We know that we aren't going to go anywhere in our amnesty work unless we BUILD the amnesty campaign. On the basis of the strategy decided upon in Yellow Springs, this means, in large part, setting up and running VVAW/WSO DUPs.

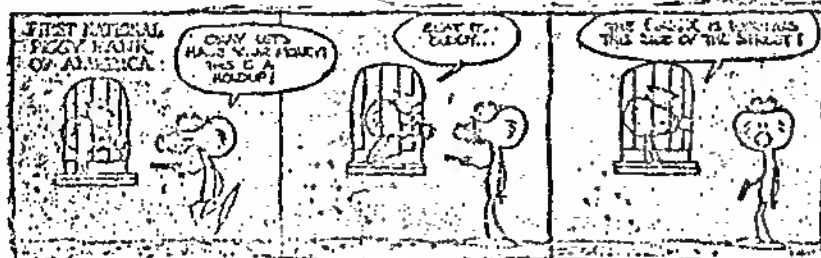
Building the Amnesty movement has got to start with first making it a community issue. With our DUPs the focus of this, it is the CENTRAL TASK of our organization to develop an awareness of what amnesty means to our communities, an awareness that it is an issue that will directly effect the lives of a lot of people here in the U. S.

Bearing this in mind, we've got to keep our time schedule in perspective. It is only another 60 days or so before the regional "building actions" will be held in preparation for our national action in Washington this summer (again see Yellow Springs NSCM minutes). These regional building actions have got to be held in conjunction with setting up our DUPs and doing as much community outreach as possible. IF we are going to carry out the strategy passed in Yellow Springs, we have got to get it on now!

At Yellow Springs, it was also decided that reports would be sent to the NAC by all regions and chapters on: a.) all information pertaining to their work or relationship with the various groups working in the amnesty movement, and b.) a monthly progress/status report on their amnesty work. Without receiving these reports, it is going to be impossible for us to develop a united, national amnesty campaign. So far, we've yet to receive any of these reports!

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People having designs or ideas for the official VVAW/WSO amnesty button (see Yellow Springs NSCM minutes for guidelines) should send them to the National Amnesty Clearinghouse ASAP.



Who in Amnesty -

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At the National Steering Committee it was voted that the National Clearinghouse on Amnesty prepare a list of organizations and individuals who are working in this area. The following are the major organizations doing work in amnesty.

USA

ACLU Project on Amnesty
22 E. 40th Street
NYC, NY 10016
* Henry Schwartzchild

Americans For Amnesty
235 E. 49th Street 3rd fl.
New York, New York 10017
Louise Ransom
Carl Rodgers

Amnesty Center
PO Box 179
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
Dwight Large
Frances Large

AFSC
160 N. 15th Street
Phila, PA 19102
Jim Bristol

/ Campaign for Amnesty
3067 24th Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
* Jeanne Friedman

CCCO
2016 Walnut Street
Phila, PA 19103
* Bob Musil

CALC
235 E. 49th Street
New York, NY 10016
* Trudi Young

FORA
69 First Avenue
NYC, NY 10003
Eddie Sowders-C. Carrano

Gold Star Parents for Amnesty
25 Beacon Street
Boston Mass 02108
Pat Simon

Lawyers Military Def Com.
410 First Street SE
Washington DC 20003
David Addlestone,

NCUUA
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NYC, NY 10012
Jerry Olsen

NCC
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NYC, NY 10027
Rich Kilmer
Chuck Nolle
Jack Smith

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Todd Ensign

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* Virginia Collins

/ Women Strike for Peace
1363 Pine Court
E. Meadow, NY 11554
* Irma Zigas

Legal Inservice Project
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Boston, Mass
* Ellie Weisman

United Church of Christ
110 Maryland Ave NE
Washington DC
* Fred Hofrichter

/WRL
339 Lafayette
NYC, NY 10012
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* Sandy Rutherford
Jerry Condon

Toronto Anti-Draft Prog.
11 1/2 Spadina Rd
Toronto 179, Ontario
Katie McGovern

* - Members of NCUUA SC

/ - Groups Closely Associated with VVAW/WSO

Less-Than-Honorable Discharges - Court Decision

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (New Orleans), in Thompson v. Gallagher, handed down a decision on December 28, 1973, that establishes the constitutional principle that public employers may not discriminate against veterans with less-than-honorable discharges in their hiring practices. The case, which was received on appeal from the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, involved Tommy Thompson (Plaintiff) and the Honorable Harry K. Gallagher, Mayor for the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana (Defendant).

Tommy Thompson served in the United States Army for 22 months before being discharged under other-than-honorable conditions on May 14, 1970. He went to work for the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, on December 16, 1971, as custodian at the city diesel plant. Five weeks later, the city council passed the following ordinance:

Resolved, that any person employed by the City of Plaquemine or by the Emergency Employment Act, if said person is a veteran, must have an honorable discharge and must be a man of good character.

The day after the ordinance was passed, the City of Plaquemine fired Thompson because his employment violated the ordinance. Thompson sued the Mayor of Plaquemine under 48 U. S. C. 1983, charging that his dismissal violated his rights under the due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, that it was a bill of attainder and that it was an ex post facto law. Jurisdiction was asserted under 28 U. S. C. 1331, 1343, 2201 and 2202. Thompson sought a declaration that the ordinance as applied to him is unconstitutional, an injunction restraining the mayor from applying the ordinance to him, and an order reinstating him to his position at the power plant, with compensation for wages lost as a result of the dismissal. Thompson appealed, after the District Court ruled in favor of the City.

Thompson attacked the ordinance on both equal protection and due process grounds. The Court of Appeals stated in its decision, "The question is whether the challenged statute is a rational means of advancing a valid state interest. A regulation not reasonably related to a valid government interest may not stand in the face of a due process attack. Likewise, a classification which serves no rational purpose or which arbitrarily divides citizens into different classes and treats them differently violates the equal protection clause." The Court went on to say, "The ordinance thus creates two different classifications. First, it divides the employees of the city into veterans and non-veterans. In addition, it distinguishes between veterans with honorable discharges and those with other-than-honorable discharges."

In reversing the lower court decision, the Court of Appeals concluded by saying, "... The Plaquemine ordinance subjects veterans to standards to which non-veterans are not subjected. It also disqualifies veterans who have received other-than-honorable discharges, in spite of the fact that a veteran may receive a discharge for a wide range of reasons, many of them totally unrelated to performance as a city employee. By no stretch of the imagination could such

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MELVIN X. SMITH -

A TRIAL DATE OF MARCH FIRST HAS BEEN SET FOR MELVIN X. SMITH, (see WS - Jan & Feb '74) DESPERATE HELP IS NEEDED!! ANYONE WHO WAS STATIONED WITH THE 54th ORDNANCE CO., 26th GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP, IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, IN APRIL AND MAY OF 1971, IS ASKED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT NOSCAM - CHICAGO - (312) 929-1958

MELVIN'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOUR ACTIONS AND HELP !!!!!

Objectives -

At the NSCM it was voted on that the chapters would discuss the objectives of the organization and that each region would have a meeting prior to the 1st of March to come up with recommendations for changes in them. These changes and recommendations are to be at this office NLT March 1st. Be sure that this item from the SCM is not overlooked.

Chapter Resources Should Be Sent to National Office ASAP

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was decided that the National Office would compile a list of all the materials that chapters have for sale. In order to compile that list, we need to know what the chapters and regions have to offer. If you have materials and resources (such as bumper-stickers, posters, etc.) send the prices and descriptions of the items to the National Collective no later than January 31st. The compiled list of all organizational resources will then be sent out to all chapters sometime in February. (There should be no competitiveness or undercutting of prices).

Chapter Updates - Last Call -

The latest Chapter List will be published in the next newsletter. All of the corrections will be incorporated in the new list. It is the responsibility of each regional office to insure that we have a correct - up-to-date listing of the chapters in your region. Please get this information to us as soon as possible. If your chapter address is listed incorrectly, let us know immediately.

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Police Attack N. Calif. Sub-Regional Coordinator -

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On the night of February 6th, Bob Hood, sub-regional coordinator of N. Calif. VVAW/WSO was attacked and brutally beaten by Oakland police officers. Bob had stopped his truck to act as a witness for a friend who was being harassed by police only to have them turn on him instead. One officer proceeded to point a .38 at Bob and ordered him to put his hands up. When Bob complied, the cop suddenly knocked him to the ground and began choking and beating him. Nearly beaten unconscious, the two officers handcuffed Bob and threw him into a squad car. When they searched him they found a Swiss Army knife in his pocket. Saying something like "ahah a weapon", the cops began making jokes about how Bob had attacked with a knife. After a huddle to get their story straight, Oakland's finest then took Bob down to city jail and booked him for 'assault with a deadly weapon against a police officer.'

An escalating wave of repression has been going on with in Oakland ever since the actions of the 'Symbonese Liberation Army' came to light. Police had already failed in one bogus attempt in mid-January to link VVAW/WSO up with the SLA and the Marcus Foster slaying (see newsletter #18). Since then, Bob's house and office have been searched and members of the East Bay chapter have been under extensive surveillance.

The same night Bob was arrested, police stopped and interrogated a number of members of the East Bay chapter, asking them specifically if they were in VVAW/WSO. With SLA activities in Oakland and the current pressure they are under to solve the Hearst kidnapping the Oakland PD has responded with a wave of near hysteria. But perhaps more importantly, the situation has provided police with an excellent excuse for terrorizing movement people and intensifying their spying on movement organizations.

Reactions to the attack on Bob by the Oakland PD indicates that they may have made a bad mistake. The \$5,000 bail needed for Bob's release from jail was quickly raised. A number of groups such as Women for Peace and the Indochina Solidarity Committee showed their solidarity by filling the courtroom for his arraignment the following day. In addition, numerous individuals, groups and even a union local immediately began filing complaints with the DA's office and the community relations board of the police department.

This contemptible and outrageous frame-up will not be allowed... In Bob's words, "We are not worried because we have the truth on our side and all we have to do is lay out the facts so that 12 people from the community can see through the police lies."

FREE BOB HOOD! FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!

Charges Against San Quentin Six Dismissed

Six black and Chicano defendants, charged with the murder of three white guards and two white prisoners in San Quentin prison in 1971, have all had the charges against them dismissed by Superior Court Judge Vernon Stoll. Judge Stoll announced his decision on January 17th, stating that the indictments were unconstitutional. Stoll ruled that blacks, Chicanos, youth and low-incomes workers had been systematically excluded from the grand jury which handed down the indictments. The government prosecution intends to appeal the judge's decision.

The San Quentin Six were charged after the shooting of August 21, 1971, which killed George Jackson, two other prisoners and three guards. The six were also charged with conspiring to escape from the "adjustment center" in San Quentin prison.

Lawyers are now planning to go to federal court to get the six transferred out of the San Quentin "adjustment center" into the main part of the prison. The men have been in maximum security units for the past four to seven years.

Vietnam-Era Women -- A New Organization

Three weeks ago in Chicago, a meeting was held to form a new organization of women -- Vietnam-Era Women. The purpose of this group is to unite women who are "relating" to veterans. This group is being funded and organized by the National Council of Churches, and is, in essence, the "ladies auxiliary" of the National Veterans Resource Project. The National Office was never notified of this Chicago meeting, nor have we received any contact from the NCC regarding this new group. If people are contacted by Vietnam-Era Women or have any information on the group's activities, information should be sent to the N.O.

New Indictments for Leavenworth Brothers

On February 7, a Kansas City, Kansas grand jury returned major indictments against brothers in the Leavenworth Federal Prison. The indictments relate to the July 31st uprising which took place in the prison. During the rebellion, four guards were taken hostage and one guard was killed. These new indictments are separate from the indictments which were handed down a few months ago charging Odell Bennett, Alf Hill and Alfred Jasper with inciting a mutiny and assaulting federal officers.

The charges and people involved in what may be considered the beginning of the grand jury indictments include: Odell Bennett, Jessie Lee Evans, Alf Hill and Alfred Jasper charged with murder, assault, and kidnapping. Also, William Hurst, Jesse Lopez and Armando Miramon were charged with kidnapping and assault. All of these brothers are members of the Leavenworth chapter of VVAW/WSO. If these people are convicted in the Leavenworth trials, they will have nothing to look forward to other than life imprisonment.

The grand jury also indicted two other brothers on charges unrelated to the July 31st rebellion. Eli Fiaaler was indicted for assault with intent to kill and LaCount Bly was charged with assault after escape. To the best of our knowledge the grand jury is still deliberating and further, less severe indictments relating to July 31st are highly probable.

The Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee is planning an action for February 18th called Operation Leavenworth. This action is to be a convoy led by Phillip Berrigan to Leavenworth where a demonstration and vigil is to be held. Car caravans from all over the states of Missouri and Kansas are expected to participate. Some problems have arisen in that Father Berrigan was prohibited by the Federal Parole Board from leading the march and vigil. He has assured the defense committee, however, that he will be participating in the action and providing his full support. The demonstration will put forward three demands to the Bureau of Prisons: 1. Comply with the July 31st negotiations of "no reprisals," and release all "Leavenworth Brothers" from the hole; 2. Drop the frame-up charges against brothers Odell Bennett, Alf Hill, and Alfred Jasper; and 3. Comply with the July 31st "13 grievances." More information about this action can be obtained from the defense committee.

The Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee has a major request to make of regions and chapters. They need news clippings about the 31st uprising very badly in order to put together the press packet for the trials. If chapters find such clippings and as future clippings appear in your newspapers, they should be sent to: Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee, P. O. Box 5818, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. Further information regarding the indictments and trials may also be obtained from this address.

Films for Fundraising and Political Discussion

(The following is a condensed version of a review which appeared in the Jan. 16th Guardian.)

"When the People Awake," made by anonymous Chilean filmmakers and the Tricontinental Film Center in New York, is a first-rate political documentary that offers a social history of Chile. The 60-minute color film traces the development of imperialism (first British, later U.S.) in Chile and then focuses on the first two-and-a-half years of the Allende Popular Unity government.

"When the People Awake" is a propaganda film in the best sense of the word. It educates and informs, creatively using historical photographs, newsreel clips and interviews, making its points with strong visual images as well as the spoken word. Particularly effective is an interview - broken up and used as an on-going contrast - with an upper-class woman representing the views of the Chilean right-wing parties. Likewise telling are shots of the "housewives" protest march in which it is clear that the bearers of the pots and pans are not on intimate terms with the daily realities that confronted Chile's working-class and peasant women. This is an important film, uncompromisingly anti-imperialist but equally uncompromising in its refusal to bow to the political cant of those who would weep for Chile while denying its self-evident political lessons.

Tricontental is also distributing a Swedish-made documentary on the Uruguayan "Tupamaros." Filmed clandestinely in Uruguay, "Tupamaros" includes unique footage of the urban guerrilla group's famed "People's Prison" and some of its most illustrious guests - among them British Ambassador Geoffrey Jackson and U.S. police agent Dan Mitrione (the subject of "State of Siege"). Like the Tupamaros themselves, the film is action-oriented. Its "theoretical" theses concentrate on the group's strategy for developing "parallel power" in Uruguay in order to offer the masses a believable revolutionary alternative. Both films are distributed by: Tricontinental Film Center, 244 West 27th St., New York, NY 10001.

regional report

March 29th -- Vietnam Veterans Day!

Our beloved President has recently declared that March 29th is to be set aside as Vietnam Veterans Day. There is to be a large parade in Washington, D. C. on that day and the D. C. VVAW/WSO chapter is already planning to participate in the action. Other chapters should check to see if similar activities are being planned in their regions and do whatever possible to plug into parades, etc. We should definitely make an effort to be visible on Vietnam Veterans Day and regions should notify the National Office of any action they plan to participate in on the 29th.

Many chapters around the country held demonstrations around the three demands of implementing the agreements; ending all aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters; and kick Nixon Out!! There will be an article in the next issue of the Winter Soldier which will go into the details of where and when they occurred.

One demonstration that occurred was not covered in the news and we feel that we should explain what happened here. Six veterans, members of the VVAW/WSO chapter in Washington DC took over the Saigon Information Office of Psy/War Ministry. They planned to stay until the United States recognized its responsibility in implementing the agreements signed in Paris on January 27th of 1973. The vets went into the building at 12:30 on January 25th and stayed there for one hour when at such time the Executive Protection Service entered the building and arrested them. They are being charged with interference of a diplomatic mission. The trial date is March 6th in the US Superior Court in Washington DC. The members will present as their defense the entire question about the legality of the Thieu government in Saigon and the reasons for a continued office of psy/war in Washington DC. For more information write: VVAW/WSO, 2028 P Street NW, Washington DC 20036.

Other chapters that had demonstrations include: Miami, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Denver, Colorado; San Francisco, California; Kansas City, Missouri; Rochester, Buffalo, New York City, New York; and Columbus, Ohio. If you had a demonstration let us know soon and send pictures and reports of the actions.

Film Showings -

The Columbus, Ohio chapter of VVAW/WSO recently held a fundraising film showing of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. About 1,600 people showed up and the chapter made about \$1,100 in receipts; literature sales and donations. Before the film showing they passed out copies of the amnesty booklet and are now getting some feedback from those who read it, (good feedback). The chapter is preparing a pamphlet on how to set up such film showings and any chapter that would like to do the same should write to VVAW/WSO, PO Box 10116, Columbus, Ohio 43201 for a copy. They are holding another film showing this week of MASH and expect to do even better.



Work Around Gary Lawton/Zurebu Gardner

Since the NSCM in Yellow Springs, several regions have increased their level of activity in doing PE work around the Lawton/Gardner trial. Colorado is doing leafletting in their chapter communities around the trial and the Maryland/Virginia/Washington, D. C. region is in the process of having petitions signed which demand the release of Lawton and Gardner and the dropping of all charges. If other similar activity is going on, copies of leaflets, etc, should be sent to the National Office.

In Ohio, the region has gotten two colleges to pay for Gary coming, and he will be doing a speaking tour of the region at the end of this month. If people are interested in attending and seeing Gary, he will be in Akron and Cleveland on Feb. 25th; Mansfield and Columbus on the 26th; Cincinnati on the 27th; and in Dayton on the 28th. Other regions should consider this idea and see if there is a possibility of getting honorariums for Gary to do speaking. This will be a big boost in educating people and building support around the trial on a nationwide basis and it will also draw in money for the defense. California is also in the process of planning a state-wide speaking tour for Gary or Chukia and more will be said about this later.

On the 12th, we will have available a four-page, newsprint handout on the Lawton/Gardner trial. These will be available for the regions and are to be ordered from this office. (The handouts are very similar to the ones that were produced for the Gainesville trial and demonstrations). We have only ordered 5,000 copies of the handouts because of financial problems, but if people would pay for the handouts that are ordered, we could order another run in the near future. Let us know how many you will need and please keep your orders reasonable so that we will not run out of the handouts in the immediate future.

St. Louis Chapter Art Sale

From February 17-24, the St. Louis chapter of VVAW/WSO will be involved in a benefit art sale. The purpose of the sale is to raise money for the chapter project, the Chestnut Tree Coffeehouse and to familiarize the community with the existence of this project. The chapter will be selling art work by local St. Louis-area artists and an exhibit of authentic engravings by the 18th century British satirist, William Hogarth, will also be shown. All proceeds from the sale will go to the coffeehouse which is making slow, but sure progress. To date, the building which houses the coffeehouse has been purchased from the city by the chapter. The restaurant is on the verge of opening and one five-room apartment unit has been fully renovated and is presently occupied. If people are interested in the coffeehouse project and its progress, or in how the art sale was arranged, contact the St. Louis chapter at 1023 Allen, St. Louis, Missouri 63104.

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National Defense Committee Meeting

At the Defense Committee Workshop in Yellow Springs, it was decided that a meeting would be held in Chicago from February 23-25. Participating in this meeting will be people in VVAW/WSO who have had experience working with defense committees in the past. The purpose of the meeting is to define a way in which we can build a unified defense effort by preparing an analysis of past and current trials involving VVAW/WSO. Out of this, criteria for future involvement in political defense efforts will be outlined. Also, a training manual for defense workers is to be put together, so that people can be taught the political and mechanical processes of establishing defense efforts.

The Chicago and Milwaukee chapters are responsible for preparing the agenda and making preparations for the meeting. If chapters have suggestions for the meeting's agenda, items should be sent to the National Office (who will forward them to the chapters). Also, regions should notify N.O. as to how many people will be attending. Further information on this meeting and its results will be carried in the National Newsletter.

Operation County Fair

Enclosed is the February OCF Newsletter. In addition to our Chapters, the Newsletter was mailed to the 300 people on the OCF mailing list. If you know of doctors, nurses or anyone else who may be interested in receiving the Newsletter, let us know.

The clothing drive was very successful. In the process of delivering the clothes to the new Mall, the truck got stuck in the mud up to the axle. A lot of community members came over to help get the truck out; the excitement led to an enthusiastic community gathering. Thanks to the Friends of the United Front and all of our Chapters which helped make this project a success.

Linda Regnier and George Brazeau are now the only two VVAW/WSO people in Bogue Chitto. Diane Schmidt has taken an indefinite leave of absence, and Rich Craven has returned to St. Louis. They are desperately in need of some people who are willing to come down for two or three weeks to help with the physical labor at their house. They have no plumbing or out house, and they could really use a plumber to help them get their house together.

Three VVAW/WSO members from St. Louis, two registered nurses and one former hospital corpsman, will be moving to Bogue Chitto in early March to stay for about 4 months to help with organizing the health program in the community. Chapters should start looking for a dedicated person in their ranks that they could send down to Bogue Chitto in June (or earlier) to keep up the momentum after the St. Louis people leave.

At the Antioch National Steering Committee five people were nominated for the two positions of National Coordinator that will expire in April. Thus far two of the five have declined the nomination; Jeannie Dolly of Oakland, California and Barry Romo of the National Office. The following are their letters of declination.

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January 30th, 1974

I wish to decline my nomination at the Yellow Springs NSCM for National office. I accepted the nomination on the floor of the meeting so that I could express to the entire organization why I feel that my nomination was incorrect and reflects a lack of seriousness in the way that some of us view the selection of leadership.

First, I assume that my nomination and second came from a favorable impression of my practice in the plenary sessions and workshops of the NSCM, the first and only one that I have attended. Except for two members of the California delegation, no one has any day to day practice with me. I am fully aware that I am articulate and give a strong impression in meetings. This quality, however is no basis on which to judge the quality of my daily work, nor my abilities to lead a national organization to which I have belonged for less than a year.

As we move more in the direction of the Winter Soldier concept, the organization as a whole appears to be accepting and strengthening the role of women in VVAW/WSO. I feel that the support that I have received from my nomination from members of the NSC is primarily because I am a woman. This points out two errors in thinking. I may well be one of the most qualified women in the organization to be in National Office. This does not mean that I am one of the most qualified people in the organization. Secondly, women do not develop leadership by being thrust into positions they are not prepared to fill. This way of developing woman's leadership is damaging to the organization and moreover to the woman herself. I have been in this position in other organizations and do not want to see VVAW/WSO repeat a clearly mistaken pattern.

I think that I am qualified in many respects to be in the National Office, but am not prepared to fill the position at this time due to the shortness of time that I have been in VVAW/WSO. I consider it an honor to be considered for a position of this responsibility, and thank those who have expressed their support for me.

Jeannie Dolly

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the past two years I have had the privilege of serving in the National Office. From this position I have been able to watch the organization grow and mature on a national and international level; weather the storms of government oppression without turning reformist or disintegrating; solidify its anti-imperialist stand and move forward to the point where we can all say, VVAW/WSO is one of the best mass organizations in the country.

It is therefore hard to decline the nomination for a third term. But the time has come for me to return to California to do work specifically around the Lawton/Gardner trial and help in building the local and regional organization; the real backbone and power of VVAW/WSO.

In April, 1972, when I was first elected to the National Office we were told to make the office into a collective. The next year and a half saw the struggle to build one. Some of the people elected saw themselves elected to serve themselves and not the organization. At the same time 'collective' to them meant going along with decisions they agreed with and disregarding decisions when they were in the minority. The resulting struggles in the collective and in the organization as a whole saw these people leave not only the national office, but VVAW/WSO to other organizations where they could be 'heavies'.

These struggles and the resulting experience have led me to some conclusions about service in the national office and the people elected to come here.

When electing people it is imperative to pick the most competent and experienced people available. People that have already proven their ability to struggle and work collectively in their respective regions and chapters. It is not enough to advocate people because of 'potential' and then hope that the person grows into the position. Not only must the person live and work in the pressure cooker atmosphere of the national office, but represent VVAW/WSO to national and international groups. He/she must be able to adapt to changing situations, accept criticisms and criticize without individualistic ego involvement. To do any less would be a disservice to the national collective, to the entire organization and to the people looking to VVAW/WSO for direction.

With this in mind and also my deep concern in seeing the national organization continue to grow, I now take the point of personal privilege in recommending two people to fill the two positions open at this time. The first being Sam Schorr and the other being Peter Zastrow.

I have worked with Sam for the last year in the collective and know from practice his ability for principled struggle and following collective decisions. Also the work he is doing in the office at this time is invaluable and must be completed.

I've known Pete for two years and have seen his excellent work at both the chapter and regional level. I have also attended national and international conferences with Pete and he has always represented the organization and not himself. He has consistently been receptive to struggle excepting criticisms without becoming defensive and offering criticism without ego involvement. This observed practice makes him the best possible person for national office at this time.

I can only close by reaffirming my faith and dedication to the organization and to its direction, and to say that I am only leaving the day to day work of the national office for the day to day work of local. Build VVAW/WSO.

Dare to Struggle,

Barry Romo



Veterans

Included in this mailing is a list of resources on veterans for those working with veterans or interested in learning more about veterans. Keep in mind that this is a resource list; we are not endorsing anything put out by the organizations listed. If anyone has resource items that they feel should be listed, send them in and we will include them in a future update. Special thanks go out the Dayton Chapter for whom much of this material was originally compiled.

FBI/Local Police Contacts? -

As usual, we are still getting a steady stream of reports of infiltration/contacts/harassment/etc. from FBI and local police agencies. As usual, we are again reminding you to either write or phone in these reports to the National Office. Without extremely accurate and consistent reporting of such activities there is absolutely no way of maintaining an overall view of what's going on around the organization. The only people that will have such an overview will be the feds. Given the experience of Gainesville, it is definitely to our advantage to be as much on top of this situation as possible. While we have been getting reports with much greater consistency in the past few months, we could still tighten things up considerably.

The LMDC has been involved in helping many of our chapter DUPs with representing clients before the Discharge Review Board. We received the following letter from the LMDC which should be carefully noted by all chapters doing discharge upgrading.

To: Groups doing discharge work

From: David Addlestone, Susan Hewman, Jean Hanmer

Our new address is: Lawyers Military Defense Committee, 1346 Connecticut Ave., Suite 604, Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 659-1138.

Anyone desiring LMDC to represent their clients before the Discharge Review Boards must supply us with the following information before the application is submitted:

1. A signed application. We will complete it and file it.
2. Complete service records.
3. Supporting documents.
4. Brief of the case to be submitted with the application.
5. Our questionnaire and retainer completed.
6. If applicant will appear, a detailed statement of his version of the case.
7. If he will not appear, a detailed affidavit of his version of the facts and an explanation in detail why he cannot appear.

We have 200 cases of our own and can only handle your hearings if you work the case up. We are not superhuman.

Do not just put down our name as counsel and file an application without contacting us.

Chapter List Update -

Enclosed with this mailing you will find the latest up-to-date listing of the chapters. On the last page you will notice the additions that came in during the time that it was being typed up. If your chapter is incorrectly listed, please let us know.

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Winter Soldier Subscriptions

During the past month or so, we have been receiving subscriptions for Winter Soldier from libraries. Since we received very few in the past, we must assume that people are hustling libraries for subs. Though we have not been overwhelmed by library subs, the number is increasing and the money is great. We wish to thank all those people who have been approaching libraries for subscriptions and we encourage others to do the same. Somebody out there is doing some hustling and your efforts are much appreciated.

Photos Needed! -

Once again we ask that chapters send us pictures of their local activities, including the demonstrations around the January 27th weekend. We can always use these pictures even if they do not appear in the newspaper. So, everytime you have a local activity, if someone could take black and white photos and send them in with a description of the event, it would be very helpful.

News Media

We would like chapters and regional offices to send in the names and addresses of local news media. This will allow us to more effectively publicize our positions on a national scale. It will be especially useful as the day approaches when we have our demonstration in Washington this summer, as well as during the demonstration itself.

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Bob Hood Arraignment Date Set -

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It looks like the police of Oakland, California are out to nail Bob Hood, VVAW/WSO and the anti-imperialist movement. In the last newsletter, (#19), we described the brutal attack on Bob, completely unjustified by anything that Bob did. Besides being beaten, Bob has been charged with 'assault with a deadly weapon', (a pocket knife) and 'assault on a police officer'. Both these charges are felony offenses, carrying sentences of six months to life. On Friday, February 22, Bob was taken to a pre-trial hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to bring him to trial. Over 40 community people came to support Bob at the hearing.

It became apparent from the testimony of the police involved that the attack on Bob was part of a growing attempt to link VVAW/WSO with the actions of the SLA. During the hearing, it was determined that the policeman who beat Bob was a member of the Oakland 'red squad, (strange co-incidence!?) The police also stated that they were 'alerted' to be on the watch for members of VVAW/WSO because the organization was a violent group.

Again and again, the government and the police have tried to destroy VVAW/WSO primarily through frame-ups that have little relation to reality. In each case, they have used media propaganda to exhort on the theme that VVAW/WSO is violent and incites violence. By linking us with the SLA, they hope to remove us from any effective political work. This hasn't worked in the past, and will fail again.

Bob goes up for arraignment March 3rd in Superior Court where it is presumed a trial date will be set. The Bay area chapters are mobilizing a VVAW/WSO Defense Committee and building support among the community and other anti-imperialist groups. As one defense committee worker put it, "People are taking this case seriously because they see it as the first attempt to discredit movement groups by linking them up with the actions of the SLA. We will not allow Bob to go to jail nor allow the police to set-up the movement."

International Women's Day -- March 8th

March 8th is recognized around the world as International Women's Day. This holiday was instituted as an international day in 1910 and was set aside to honor working women and women involved in struggle everywhere. (A history of International Women's Day is contained in the March issue of Winter Soldier).

It seems reasonable to guess that educational and demonstrations regarding International Women's Day will be occurring on March 8th in cities across the country. VVAW/WSO should make every effort to plug into these activities or sponsor Women's Day events wherever possible. March 8th will be celebrated in countries around the world, and VVAW/WSO should make a point to also be involved in the celebrations. Reports on all Women's Day activities should be sent to the National Office.

At a time when women are taking leading roles in the struggles going on in this country, we must set aside March 8th to honor these sisters, as well as recognizing the progressive role played by women in struggles the world over.

!! THE RISING OF THE WOMEN MEANS THE RISING OF US ALL!!



Behavior Modification Programs Under Attack

By now, everyone should be familiar with the fact that the Federal Bureau of Prisons is conducting brutal and inhumane behavior modification projects in several federal and state prisons across the country. Knowledge as to the use of drugs and psycho-surgery in these programs, and prisoners' resistance to having their "behavior modified" has increased. Because of this, the Bureau of Prisons has come under severe pressure and this pressure has recently begun to take its toll.

On February 6th, the prisoners of this country gained a significant victory in their struggle as the Bureau of Prisons announced their decision to dismantle the behavior modification project in the Springfield, Missouri Federal Prison. The project START (Special Treatment and Rehabilitative Treatment) had become a target of hatred and resistance for federal prisoners across the country. The Bureau said that the decision to phase out the START program did not mean that the bureau was giving up on the concept of behavior modification, but that the decision was based on "economic" reasons. (Few inmates were involved in the program and the ratio of staff to inmates was so high as to make it not "feasible" to continue).

A week later, the government announced a ban on any further use of Federal anti-crime money for behavior modification, calling a halt of the programs it has funded for the systematic manipulation of the behavior of prisoners. It also banned the use of anti-crime money for psychosurgery, medical research and chemotherapy. The ban, effective immediately, was announced by Donald E. Santarelli, administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The decision means that prisons and other institutions now using LEAA funds for such things as drug experimentation and research will have to either cease operations or find other funding.

Though these two announcements may be seen as victories in the struggle for human and legal rights going on in our prisons, these decisions do not mean that behavior modification programs will come to a halt. For example, state prison systems will still have the freedom to establish behavior modification programs because they do not receive LEAA funds. Also, HEW is in the process of setting aside money for programs similar to START. Many questions regarding continued B. M. programs go unanswered. For example, the fate of the Butner, North Carolina special behavior modification facility has not been clarified. Millions of dollars have been spent on the project (including LEAA funds) and it is doubtful that the program will now be ceased as a result of these decisions. At the same time, future behavior modification facilities are in the works. A prison similar to the one in Butner is being designed for Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This facility will be constructed under the direction of six New England states and will house the so-called "troublemakers" of the prisons in the New England area. Though funds from LEAA have been stopped and though START is being phased out, we must view the cessation of future programs with a great deal of scepticism, and do everything we can to get the word on these "Pavlovian" projects to the American people.

Meeting on National Defense Committee Held in Chicago -

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, the workshop on the National Defense Committee decided that a meeting would be held in Chicago on February 23-25 to draw up 1) an analysis of past and current trials involving VVAW/WSO, 2) the criteria for future involvement in political defense efforts, and 3) the development of a training program to teach local members the political and mechanical process of establishing a local defense committee.

This meeting was held with over 13 people attending from Wisconsin, N. Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and the National Office. Overall it was very productive and resulted in the drafting of a working paper on these specific issues to be presented at the next NSCM in Milwaukee. As soon as all the various reports have been completed, the National Office will be sending them out for analysis and discussion by regions and chapters.

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Milwaukee Student Committee -

The Milwaukee chapter of VVAW/WSO recently began a counter-recruiting drive in the area's high schools. A committee was set up to find high schools that were on the list of those to be the victims of military recruiting. The committee obtained several speaking engagements at various schools and have met with a tremendous amount of success. At one school, the members of the committee were asked to come back the next day, after they had shown the film "Army", to continue the discussions that soon led from the military to general conditions in the city and country.

The chapter began coordinating and working with the Wisconsin Youth for Democratic Education, (WYDE), a group of students who are organizing in their schools. This group publishes a monthly newspaper, The Red Pencil, which in the January issue had a story on the aims of VVAW/WSO.

On March 1st, the Student Committee of VVAW/WSO was invited to lead a school-wide seminar at Shorewood HS. The chapter plans to show "Army" and "Only the Beginning", in addition to discussing the war, various boycotts and the military recruiting. For more information on how to set up these kind of speaking gigs in schools contact: Student Committee, VVAW/WSO, 2439 N. Fratney, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212.

VVAW/WSO Oneonta Proposal for Hospital -

Homer Folke Hospital in Oneonta is owned by the State of New York and was used as a tuberculosis facility up until one year ago, when it was closed. Now the state is deciding what to do with this 200 acre hospital. Local people want the area used for veterans. Some veteran organizations, like the VFW, and American Legion want the hospital turned into a nursing home for older veterans.

The Oneonta chapter of VVAW/WSO prepared a proposal that was presented at hearings held by a state assemblyman. The VVAW/WSO proposal would call for low-rent housing for single and married veterans; a drug-free rehabilitation center for veterans; subsidization for veterans attending school who hold less-than-honorable discharges, who are in many cases unable to receive assistance; and special facilities for those veterans who are amputees, deaf, blind or otherwise disabled.

The proposal also calls for the State of New York to turn the property over to Oneonta State University, who would advertise the facility to veterans interested in continuing their education. This proposal would allow for veterans to receive benefits presently denied them by the government; benefits that ask for no more and no less than the right to live a decent life. For more information on this proposal contact: VVAW/WSO, 10 Forest Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820.

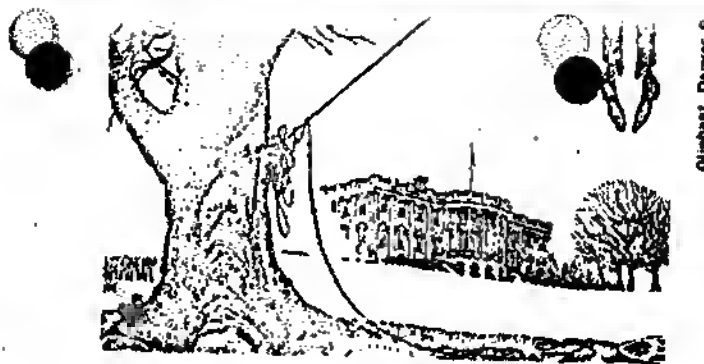
Demonstration at Prison in Support of Leavenworth Brothers

On February 18th, over 200 supporters of the Leavenworth Brothers held a silent march and vigil at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This demonstration was sponsored by the Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Comm. Car Caravans approached the town of Leavenworth and contained people from Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. A rally was held and speakers included Phillip Berrigan and a VVAW/WSO member. (Berrigan had previously been barred by a federal parole board and prison Warden Daggett from participating in the march.) Following the rally, the demonstrators then silently marched in single file to the prison, with the first 26 people wearing the name and number of one of the brothers and with chains around their ankles. At the prison, a petition was presented to one of Daggett's assistants while the supporters stood in silent tribute to the brothers for 10 minutes. They then marched away singing. At the prison, the demonstrators were greeted with shouts and cheers coming from the cell blocks that could see the march. The petition to the warden demanded: 1. Release the Leavenworth Brothers from solitary confinement; 2. drop the charges against all the Leavenworth brothers; and 3. comply with the July 31st list of 13 prisoner grievances. The demonstration came off without a hitch and remained peaceful and free from police harassment.

Anti-Nixon Demonstration in Huntsville, Alabama

On February 18th, the Bogue Chitto chapter of VVAW/WSO, along with the Colma Coalition to Impeach Nixon demonstrated to Kick Nixon Out in Huntsville, Alabama. Nixon was in Huntsville to appear with George Wallace in the "Honor America" celebration which was conducted on Washington's Birthday.

Approximately 75 anti-Nixon people attended the speech and made themselves extremely evident as they stood directly in front of the speaker's podium and held up signs reading: "Kick Nixon Out" and "Impeachment." The demonstrators received little harassment from the crowd and several people approached the anti-Nixon forces, asking if they too could carry a picket sign.



"Just give him enough tape and..."

Cincinnati Groups Demonstrate Against Ford -

On Wednesday, February 20th, Vice-president Gerald Ford went to Cincinnati to speak in support of a local politician. His visit prompted a demonstration sponsored by the Throw the Bum Out Committee. The Cincinnati chapter of VVAW, WSO as well as the Columbus chapter participated. The demonstration focused on the energy freeze and the removal of Nixon from office.

About 250 people showed up and forced the VP to use the back entrance at the Cincinnati Convention Center, where he spoke. The demonstrators were spirited and made their presence felt by the numerous chants and songs.

Wherever Nixon and Ford go, they receive the same kind of reception. These demonstrations are a true reflection of the sentiment of the American people to get rid of all these crooks and to warn big business that we are tired of their exploitation of us and all the people of the world.

KICK NIXON OUT!!

national report

Amnesty Demonstration Outline -

Enclosed with this newsletter is an outline for the regional and national amnesty demonstrations that were voted on at the Antioch Steering Committee Meeting. With the exception of one slogan, all of the items covered in the outline are in accordance with the SC workshop and proposal passed at that meeting. We would like the regions to read this and give us feedback. The one proposal that must still be voted on is the inclusion of "Kick Nixon Out". Please let us know about this ASAP..

Lawton/Gardner Trial Report

The third trial of Gary Lawton and Zurebu Gardner is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 20, 1974. Pre-trial motions for a dismissal of the case are now being prepared and should be submitted and decided upon in the near future. For those of us who have been concerned about the lack of an attorney to defend Gary, our worries are over. A lawyer has been found. Chief Counsel for Gary will be Franklin (Skip) Glenn of San Jose, California. Skip worked on the San Quentin trials and will soon be moving to San Bernardino (his home town) to work on the case. Skip has been appointed by the court upon Gary's request, which means that his fees and expenses will be paid by the state. William Kuntzler will be assisting Skip with pre-trial motions for dismissal of the charges, and may also be working on some of the actual trial proceedings.

Enclosed is a four-page hand-out which was recently printed and is available for chapters and regions. We have approximately 4,500 of these hand-outs on hand, and we can order more if regions can use them. Regions should let us know how many of these leaflets they will be needing. If large orders are desired, (such as 1000), we would request that the regions pay for them so that we will have the money to order more copies in the future. The price for 1000 leaflets is \$15. Let us know as soon as possible how many hand-outs your region will be needing.

Gary will be available to do speaking gigs for regions prior to the starting of the trial. Several regions have expressed an interest in bringing Gary into their communities for the purpose of raising money and educating the public as to the severe racism and oppression involved in this trial. If chapters or regions can get colleges (or similar institutions) to finance expenses and honorariums for Gary, you should contact the Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee and fill them in on the details, so that scheduling and arrangements can be worked out.

Objective Changes

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was decided that the National Office would be given the responsibility of re-writing the 10 objectives in a more condensed and concise form. Regions are to have discussed their preferred changes in the objectives and have them sent to the N.O. by March 1st where the changes are to be compiled and sent back out to the regions by March 15th. In order to compile the regional suggestions, the N.O. must have received the suggestions and thus far, we have only heard from Colorado. One region has asked for an extension to March 8th and this extended deadline is acceptable. Other regions who wish to have their suggestions considered in the re-writing of the objectives must send the change (or a note suggesting there be no change) as soon as possible. For more details on the objective re-writing, check the NSCM minutes from Yellow Springs. We hope to have a lot of input from the regions in this re-writing, so get your suggestions in the mail today!

Operation County Fair

In late January more than a dozen homes in Bogue Chitto received bags of groceries, Winter Soldier newspapers and other information along with personal visits from Linda and George. A lot of time is spent fixing up the Mall and visiting the community. The Mall is taking in money from clothing sales and is open on a regular basis with the help of community members. The Mall is a concrete block building located on the land on which the VVAW/WSO people live.

Linda has made contact with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives which has cooperative in farming, small business, day care centers and health centers throughout the South. They provide research and training for its members, classes on conducting meetings and how to operate a board of directors, as well as the obvious value of cooperative ventures. The possibility of them assisting the Martin Luther King Jr. Clinic is being explored. More details will follow as we learn more about the FSC.

The lease on the building which will serve as the Martin Luther King Jr. Clinic was signed recently and will begin on April 15, 1974, the tentative opening day for the Clinic.

The Collective needs people who are willing to come down and do some physical labor. Even if it's for only two weeks, they can use the help. Look around your chapter and see if anyone is available.

information requests

Amnesty and Prison Reports

At the Yellow Springs NSCM, it was voted that regions and chapters would send in a monthly report to the National Office detailing the amnesty work that they are involved in. A few regions have sent such reports in, but we suspect that there is a lot more amnesty activity going on than we are hearing about. It is important that these reports be sent in if we are to get a comprehensive view of amnesty work and be able to coordinate amnesty efforts. Along these same lines, it was also decided at Yellow Springs that regions would provide reports on the prison work that they are involved in for the Prison Project Office. As with the amnesty reports, few prison reports have been received. These reports should include the type of work that is being done around prisons, as well as items for the prison newsletter (which will only come out if there is NEWS). In line with these NSCM decisions, we hope that regions will make a more conscientious effort to get these reports in to the N.O. on a more regular basis so that our project work can be better understood, analyzed, and coordinated.

Other demands, i.e. those listed in the Workshop report would be included in actions at the VA.)

Scenario: Monday, July 1 - Registering and setting up camp; visits to local VA hospital; leafletting, postering, etc.

Tuesday, July 2 - Morning: Action at VA Office

Afternoon: Action at White House - (Kick Nixon Out)

Evening: Campsite Cultural Events

Indoor educational event to discuss veterans and amnesty

Wednesday, July 3 - Morning: Justice Department - UUA and an End to Repression

Afternoon: Action at Capitol Building, (End War, etc.)

Evening: Campsite Cultural Events

Indoor Educational - War in Indochina

Thursday, July 4 - 11AM: March from Lincoln Memorial to Wash. Mon.

NOON: Rally with music and several speakers.

Various other actions such as at the Discharge Review Boards, the Saigon and Cambodian embassies would have to be researched to the feasibility of having them and could be added to the scenario later. The 2nd and 3rd actions would build for the march and rally on July 4th. These actions would focus on VVAW/WSO whereas the march and rally could invite all organizations that agreed to the four demands of entire scenario. The educationals in the evening could include booths set up by regions and chapters that are working on specific projects, as was done at the Gainesville demonstration with much success. The major demonstrations would occur in the morning and would allow for, hopefully, good press coverage.

Demonstration Logistics Committee: This committee would be composed of people selected by the National Office Collective in accordance with the NSC proposal. These people would be responsible for procuring the needed equipment and supplies and would not constitute the leadership of the demonstration which would be led by the National Office Collective and the Regional Representatives.

Finances: A Budget will be drawn up by the National Office. Regions and chapters would be expected to provide financial assistance.

Logistics: A list of necessary equipment will be drawn up in the future.

Speakers: A speaker's list will be drawn up and the various individuals will be contacted by the National Office.

Legal Assistance/Medical: Will be firmed up in the future.

Washington DC Chapter: Will provide assistance to the DLC.

Blding: Each chapter and region will be expected to build for the demonstration by the regional actions and individual projects and demonstrations. Chapters should utilize press contacts and try and obtain radio and TV spots if possible. Leafletting, postering and stickering are encouraged. The National Office will utilize the WINTER SOLDIER and the newsletter to put out information about the demonstration. A Poster will be printed as well as a handout.

OUTLINE OF AMNESTY DEMONSTRATIONS

At the Antioch National Steering Committee Meeting, the body passed a resolution calling for the organization to conduct concerted regional demonstrations which would help build for the national demonstration in Washington DC. The following is a proposal drafted by the National Office Collective in accordance with the decision of the NSC.

REGIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Dates: May 17-18, (Friday and Saturday)

Reason: These dates would occur approximately four weeks after the NSCM in Milwaukee and approximately six weeks prior to the National demonstration. It would allow enough time to plan for both successfully.

Scenario: Friday, May 17 - Imaginative actions around the VA offices.

Demand would be Single Type Discharge for All Vets and those listed in the VA Workshop Report - Dec '73.

Friday Night - Public meetings, focusing on all categories of amnesty and the VA actions of the day. Would be used to build for Sat.

Saturday, May 18 - March and Rally - Demands would be the same as the January 26-27 demonstrations: Implement the Agreements/End all Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for All War Resisters; Kick Nixon Out. This march and rally would focus on all categories of amnesty as opposed to the Friday action which would focus on veterans. It would also serve to unite as many organizations as possible under the three demands.

These actions on May 17-18 would serve to focus on the upcoming demonstration in Washington DC. It would also allow chapters and regions to gauge what kind of support they have in the community prior to building for the Washington demonstration.

WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION

Dates: July 1-4, (Monday to Thursday)

Reasons: It would allow people three days travel time to Washington and three days back. Governmental offices would be open from the 1-3 of July. The demonstration would build for a culmination on July 4th. This is the one week of the year where most students would be off, and where many factories are closed, insuring as large a turnout as possible for the organization.

Slogans: Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for All War Resisters
Single Type Discharge for All Veterans
Implement the Agreements/End All Aid to Thieu and Lon Nol
Kick Nixon Out

(The first three demands were chosen at the NSCM. We feel that the last demand should have been included and need a straw vote on this to add it. What with the climate in the country now for kicking him out of office it would be senseless to omit this from our demands. Let us know soon.)

Vietnam Veterans Against the War-Winter Soldier Organization

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Farah Strikers are Victorious!

The 3,500 striking Farah workers have won a victory in their battle for union recognition and decent wages and working conditions. On Sunday, Feb. 24th, Willie Farah (president and chief stock holder of Farah Manufacturing Co.) finally gave in to the demands of the strikers after a bitter 21 month fight. The strike settlement includes: Union recognition, a commitment from Farah to re-hire 2,000 strikers fired for their efforts to build a union, and in addition Farah has agreed to pay strikers \$30 a week for 10 weeks or until they're rehired.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America union officials noted the settlement is a major breakthrough in the campaign to organize the overwhelmingly unorganized clothing industry in the Southwest, which has long been a safe refuge for runaway shops which took advantage of the exploited labor of Chicano and women workers. The struggle of the Farah strikers also proved to blast the myth that women workers can't get organized. 80% of the Farah strikers were women.

Negotiations for a union contract began shortly after the union's recognition, and it may take a while to get the contract agreements settled. But the major victory has been won. The example of the Farah workers should be an example to working people throughout the country. They have proven that unity and struggle will inevitably lead to victory.

VIVA LA HUELGA!!

Leavenworth Brothers Convicted in First Trials

Two of the Leavenworth Brothers have already been tried on the charges which occurred after the July 31st uprising. As was reported earlier, Odell Bennett and Alf Hill were indicted on assault and inciting a mutiny, while Alfred Jasper was indicted for assault and possession of a deadly weapon. Hill's trial on this charge began on March 4th, and Jasper's trial began on March 6th. Both of the brothers were found guilty on both counts. Odell's trial was scheduled to begin on the 11th, but it has been temporarily postponed.

According to the Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense Committee, the trials of Alf and Alfred were a real joke. Both brothers were tried by an all-white jury in the somewhat reactionary community of Topeka, Kansas. 26 prospective jurors were called for the Hill trial, and 12 were selected. The jurors for Jasper's trial were announced to be those remaining in the 26 who did not hear the Hill case. The defense noted to Judge Templar that 10 of the 26 prospective jurors for the Hill case had been challenged by the defense, but the protest fell on the deaf ears of the judge. So, the trials continued and both were convicted. Sentencing has not been completed yet, but the maximum sentence that both brothers could receive is 20 years.

This is just the beginning of trials for the Leavenworth Brothers. Odell's trial for this first indictments is still to come and remains unscheduled. Also, there has been no trial date set for the trials of the major indictments, though they may not come to trial for another 3-4 months. Bennett, Hill, and Jasper, as well as Jesse Lee Evans have also been indicted for murder, kidnapping and assault as a result of the July 31st rebellion. Also, William Hurst, Jesse Lopez and Armando Miramon have been indicted for kidnapping and assault. More indictments may be handed down in the future which relate to the 31st uprising.



Lawton-Gardner Trial

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of a petition which was put together by the Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee. The petition demands that the charges against Gary and Zurebu be dropped before the third trial begins. People should make every effort to get these petitions completed, and reproduce bulk copies in your chapter for the purpose of getting as many signatures as possible from people across the country to show the government of Riverside that we abhor this racist frame-up. These petitions should be returned to the Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee. There is a new address for the defense committee where these petitions should be sent: 2538 Pleasant St., Riverside, California 92507. Telephone: (714) 683-1465.

Chapters and regions should also continue to discuss the possibilities of having Gary speak in your community. The Ohio speaking tour was quite successful and a total of approximately \$850 was raised for the defense, as well as being a very good method of getting the word on this case out to the public. If chapters are interested, they should contact the Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee to make arrangements. Getting your local college campus to sponsor the speaking by providing honorariums will be the best method of raising the money to pay for plane-fare, and speaking engagements should be set up in other parts of the community as well. The Chicago and Milwaukee chapters are planning a benefit for Gary, and he should be speaking there some time next month. Also, the California region is planning a state-wide speaking tour for Gary and Chukia. If regions are interested in doing similar benefits, you should remember that the trial is scheduled to begin on May 20th, and the arrangements will have to be arranged before that date.

Films Not Returned -

Ohio Newsreel has been lending films to VVAW/WSO chapters across the country. Recently we have found out that several chapters have not yet returned films that they have borrowed from them. Also the National Office has several films that we lend to chapters for showing locally. These films have been slow in coming back and, in fact, several have not yet been returned.

We think it is fine that the films are being shown several times each by the chapters who borrow them. But if we are told that the film is wanted for a specific showing, then we expect that the film will be returned after that showing. This also applies to the people at Ohio Newsreel. We have over 100 chapters across the country and it is conceivable that other chapters would like copies of the film that you have. So those chapters that are holding films, please return them and share them with the other chapters in the organization. The address of Ohio Newsreel is: PO Box 19241, Cincinnati, OH 45219. Our's is: VVAW/WSO, 827 W. Newport, Chicago, IL 60657.

Remember Vietnam Veterans Day - March 29th

We urge people to remember that Nixon has declared March 29th as "Honor Vietnam Veterans Day." Many chapters have already made plans for action on that day and we think every chapter that can do an action should get it on. We would suggest that people focus on the VA, specifically around our amnesty demands. Demands such as benefits for Vets with Less-than-Honorable discharges, a single-type discharge and adequate medical care should be raised.

Be creative. Milwaukee has shown how to do a quick action and other chapters can follow their lead. Be sure to report all actions to the National Office.

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Nixon Coming to Chicago!

Nixon will be making his first appearance in a "northern" state since his election. Our beloved president is planning to speak at a businessmen's luncheon on March 15th at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. This is the first time that Nixon will be speaking at a semi-public event that is not being held in the deep south (which has been a strong-hold of Nixon supporters). Nearly every "left" organization in the city has banded together to hold a demonstration on the 15th outside the Hilton. The Chicago and Milwaukee chapters of VVAW/WSO will be there in full force, making the sentiment of "Kick Nixon Out" known to the man. Thousands of people are expected to be at this demo which should be a strong statement that Nixon and the policies he represents are no longer wanted in office. Details on the demo will appear in a later newsletter, but people should be aware that Nixon is traveling into hostile territory for the first time and be watching for the results.

DC Chapter Will Put Up Badly Discharged Vets -

The Discharge Review Boards are at the Pentagon, (Air Force at Roslyn). Veterans who are going to these boards to have their discharges reviewed and need a place to stay should call the Washington DC Chapter, who has offered to find them places to stay. If you need a place call them in advance and they will do what they can. Please do not just drop in as they will need some time to plan where you are staying. The address is: VVAW/WSO, 2028 P Street NW, Washington DC 20036. Phone number: (202) 466-8293.

Police Informant Uncovered In Milwaukee Chapter!

An informant for the Waukesha Sheriff's Department was recently uncovered in the Milwaukee chapter of VVAW/WSO. In addition to providing security information on the organization to the police and attempting to destroy the chapter, the informant, Mary Ellen Miles (maiden name Mary Ellen Voelker), had apparently been trying to set up drug busts and parole violations on chapter members.

Mary Ellen Miles had first come into contact with VVAW/WSO through our prison project at Waupun State Penitentiary, where her husband is an inmate, in June, 1973. Rapidly developing a great interest in the organization, and especially its prison work, she more-or-less had joined by the 1973 Milwaukee VVAW/WSO Labor Day Parade. By October, 1973 she was making statements about how VVAW/WSO needed a national prison project, giving indications to a number of chapter members that she'd really like to have a lot to do with it. Only a few months after joining the organization, Miles was already traveling to the National Office to discuss just such a prison project proposal.

By early November, Miles was noticed to have been pushing a number of strange and paranoid rumors around the chapter. A lot of what she seemed to be driving at was the need for chapter members to be armed to 'protect themselves' from some indistinct threat. It was shortly thereafter that a responsible source indicated that Miles was in fact a police informer. As nothing substantial in the way of proof could be obtained, she naturally denied the charge when confronted in a chapter meeting.

It was at this point that she began noticeably dividing the chapter. As suspicions about her had been voiced, and as she was noticed to be involved in a lot of rumor mongering and showed an undue interest in the subject of drugs, a number of chapter members became very alarmed about her. Things she did, such as being very aggressive about always trying to answer the office telephone, increasingly put people on their guard against her. Miles used this to drive a wedge between those who were closest to her as friends and those who were becoming overtly hostile to her. She seemed to have been aware that there were some internal chapter contradictions between the older E. Milwaukee chapter members and the somewhat newer W. Milwaukee chapter members. In any case, it was largely the W. Milwaukee chapter members that she established her closest personal friendships with and the ones she tried to rally around her.

The first specific attack she was active in fomenting came with the selection of the Wisconsin VVAW/WSO delegation to the Yellow Springs NSCM. She began this by launching an attack on a person in leadership in the chapter in hopes of 1) seeing her prevented from going to the NSCM, (Mary Miles of course wanted to go herself), and 2) trying to strengthen her cover in the chapter as the person she was attacking was one of those most suspicious of her. During this struggle, divisions in the chapter

became very acute and certain members began taking exceedingly reactionary stands in favor of the Mary Miles position. Again, these people were those who she had formed the closest personal friendships with.

Things progressed in this manner after the NSCM throughout January and early Feb. with the chapter remaining very divided and in danger of splitting. Given the name of one individual reportedly sent to prison as a result of Miles' testimony, the chapter passed a motion on Feb. 23 freezing her from any organizational duties until it could be checked out. At this point the still developing split in the chapter became full blown. Despite the chapter ruling on the 'freezing' of Mary Ellen Miles, one of the committees under the influence of her close personal friends decided that they would not abide by the decision.

Fortunately, the chapter came into concrete evidence at this juncture proving that Miles did in fact work for the police. A Milwaukee attorney had advised them that Mary Ellen Miles had testified for Waukesha police against a client of his in a drug case in 1972. With court documents from the trial he provided them, they learned the following:

1. That she had been busted on a heroin charge (along with her husband) July 12, 1972, and that she was busted on a second drug charge on Aug. 20, 1972.
2. That on Oct. 4, 1972 she set up a heroin bust on a number of people in Waukesha, Wis.
3. That she testified for the Waukesha Sheriffs Dept. on this bust at the trial held on Dec. 27, 1972 admitting that she had been "wired with a wireless transmitter during the bust;" that she had led to the arrest of at least 11 and maybe up to 50 people on drugs offenses; and that she had been 'working for the police all along.'
4. That the arresting officers in the Dec. 27th trial were the same ones that had arrested Mary Miles and her husband earlier that summer.

From other court documents provided the chapter by the attorney, they also learned that:

1. On April 27, 1973, both drug charges against Mary Miles were dismissed.
2. The same State's attorney who moved for dismissal in this was the same individual that prosecuted the Dec. 27, 1972 trial that Mary Miles had testified in for the prosecution.

Given this evidence, the chapter held a meeting on 2 March 1974 where it was publically disclosed. A vote was then taken and Mary Miles was thrown out of the organization. Despite the overwhelming proof of her work as a police informant, there were still 3 people who voted against kicking her out of the chapter -- again the personal friends she had cultivated and was still manipulating.

Hopefully this accounting of the role Mary Ellen Miles played in the Milwaukee chapter will give people a better idea of how police agents operate, what pitfall to avoid and to remind us all how serious the matter is: it cannot be taken lightly.

Certainly Miles was/is a very disturbed person with a history of serious drug problems. Apparently she had been compromised by her earlier drug busts and, at least initially, forced into serving as a police informant. It is a classic police method of obtaining informants. But this cannot change the fact that she did attempt to place herself in a very sensitive position in the organization nationally. Nor can it change the fact that she nearly succeeded in splitting the Milwaukee chapter or that she did succeed in urging chapter members to take exceedingly foolish and reactionary stands based solely on 'personal friendships' and totally divorced from any sound political judgement or just plain common sense. And finally, it cannot change the fact that she did approach chapter members about obtaining drugs or that she did suggest people obtain firearms even though for the individuals concerned it would have meant a parole violation.

There are some very basic lessons we must learn or relearn from this experience. One is that we are always going to have police agents of this sort attempting to penetrate our organization, to disrupt its activities, discredit its work and to actually put our members in jail. To assume otherwise is gross irresponsibility. We are a political organization and have got to fully understand what that means in our society.

Another is a basic fact of life in political organizations: Dope and politics spell disaster. Either politically in terms of the way dope charges would smear our name and discredit our work or politically and physically in terms of sending our people to jail. It is clear from the activities of Mary Ellen Miles, that the police are more than interested in trying to use dope as a weapon against us.

Finally, we should learn from the methods or tactics she used against us. She used existing differences in the organization, built around them and tried to further divide the organization at that point. She formed close-knit personal friendships and manipulated them in a divisive and disruptive manner. People were vulnerable to such manipulation because they did not operate on the basis of political judgement but from personal feelings and friendships. She also tried to organize personal attacks on chapter leadership in an attempt to weaken the organization and strengthen her position and her cover. These are all classic police tactics. We've got to learn from them if we are going to be successful with dealing with them in the future.



Mary miles

national report

Melvin Smith's Trial Postponed!

The issue of VVAW/WSO CI News that is enclosed with this mailing went to press and since then, the news has come in that the trial of Melvin Smith has been postponed to April 8th, due to the unavailability of witnesses. NOSCAM will be continuing to raise money, circulate petitions and seek publicity. Any and all support will be gratefully appreciated. For more information, contact: NOSCAM, 2743 N. Wilton, Chicago, IL 60614. Telephone: (EVENINGS ONLY) (312) 929-1958.

People should also remember that the VVAW/WSO CI News is in financial difficulty. If people are interested in continuing to see that this newsletter is published, chapters should subscribe by sending \$3.00 to NOSCAM - Chicago.

NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING INFO

Dear People,

The 12th session of the VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting will be held from April 11th through April 15th, 1974. The communication and registration location will be at 2532 N. Holton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, telephone (414) 562-9371. The NSCM will be held at St. Mike's Community School, 1445 N 24th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53206. Dinner will be served Thursday at 6 PM. The cost per person, (delegations limited to 8 people!!), due to Nixonomics will be \$6.00. Pre-pay in advance if possible.

Please send suggested agenda items to the regional collective along with the number of children we will have to provide child-care for. This information should be sent no later than April 1, 1974. Housing will be in the community. People will have to drive 30 blocks to St. Mike's. All meals will be served at St. Mike's. Showers will be available. Bring sleeping bags; one ream of paper, 2 stencils and portable typewriters.

Day care will be provided.

In Struggle,

Milwaukee VVAW/WSO

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Resumes of People Accepting Nomination for National Office

Following are the resumes of the two people who have thus far accepted their nominations for national coordinator. These should be read by the chapters and regions and referred to when voting for the two coordinators positions which will be open at the April NSCM.

Resume of Pete Zastrow

34 years old

Received a BA degree from Dartmouth College and an MA degree from Indiana University

Military: Commissioned through ROTC, June 1961; went on active duty (as a 1st LT) in Jan. '67 (deferment for graduate school); Vietnam service from 4 Dec 1968 - 4 Dec 1969. Promoted to captain in Jan. '69; MOS 1542 (small unit leader), and whatever the MOS is for information office. Served with the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

Political History: Never belonged to any political organization prior to VVAW/WSO. Joined VVAW/WSO in early 1970, but didn't become active until April, 1972 when a chapter was started in Cincinnati. One of the chapter coordinators (insofar as there is one) from that time on. Became regional coordinator in May, 1973. First major VVAW/WSO event -- Miami Beach, summer 1972; Washington, Jan. 1973; Gainesville, summer 1973. Has attended NSCMs since the first Milwaukee meeting (with the exception of Placitas).

Miscellaneous: Represented VVAW/WSO in Paris in Dec. 1973 at the Conference of Solidarity with the Cambodian People.

Resume of Sam Schorr

26 years old

born and raised in Los Angeles - middle class Jewish family
2 years of college but only one year credit (thrown out twice)

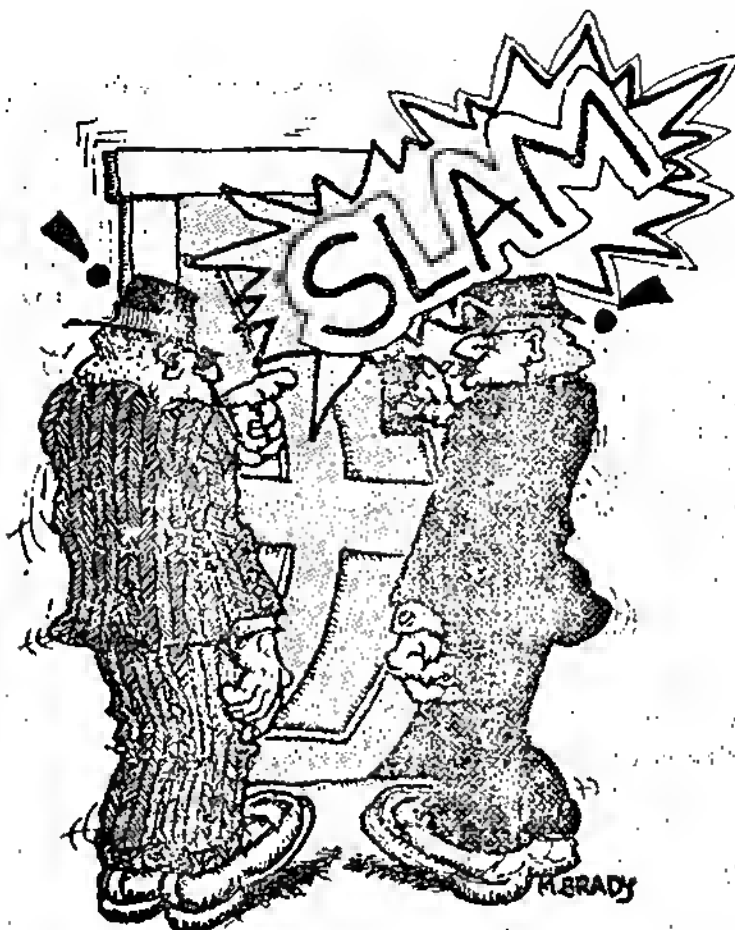
Military: Enlisted on Feb. 23, 1966 in Army - Released Jan. 17th, 1969.
Vietnam: Charley Co., 86th Combat Engineer Bn. 1st & 9th Inf. Div. from September 1966 to September 1967.

Political History: Joined SDS immediately after release from service and stayed until the summer of 1969.
Dropped out and moved to Israel in Oct. 1969, returned to states, July 1970. Started a Vets for Peace club at school which later became a VVAW/WSO chapter.
Worked at VA hospital as a drug counselor on their Methadone program until bombing of Hanoi.
Regional Coordinator of California VVAW/WSO from June 1972 to Jan. 1973.
National Coordinator from January, 1973 to present.

Participated in WSI in Detroit, 1971 and in Dewey Canyon III

Miscellaneous: VVAW/WSO delegate to 10th World Festival of Youth and Students, August, 1973.

Current functions in National Collective: Fund raiser, financial records, legal and incorporation, office machines, W.S. subs and literature sales.



Security Information -- A Compilation of Trends, Tactics, and Interest

During the past two months or so, there has been a significant increase in the number of FBI contacts and related incidents in and around the organization. Since these have not been incidents isolated to one or two areas of the country, it was felt that a general summation of what seems to be the overall pattern of such activity would put us in a better position to deal with it in the future and to better understand what may be behind it.

In addition to the surfacing of a police agent in one chapter, since the beginning of 1974, there has been a steady flow of FBI contacts, attempts to interview members, harassment of members around their jobs, anonymous or crank phone calls often trying to seek information about active VVAW/WSO members, overt surveillance, and so forth. While it is naturally impossible to completely analyze what this all means, there are a number of general statements that can be made:

1. The FBI is under a lot of pressure to solve the Hearst/SLA kidnapping. As a result, they have put a blanket surveillance step-up on a number of movement organizations and individuals that they think might possibly have leads on the kidnapping. (It's also a good excuse for them to step-up plain old general political repression). The FBI is clearly making a routine check of VVAW/WSO to this end for any tie-ins between VVAW/WSO and the SLA nonsense. This sort of intensification in the level of surveillance is typical of other periods in the organization's history when major political incidents were occurring (such as Wounded Knee, the 1972 Miami Conventions, etc.)

2. The FBI has repeatedly been trying to pump our members for all information about our politics and the directions the organization is headed in politically. They want to know what our objectives are, are they going to change, what are we going to do around amnesty, do we want to end the draft, etc. They have made a real point of asking about Marxist influence in the organization, and specifically about any Marxist leanings in specific individuals in the leadership of the organization. They realize that the organization is not just doing work around Indochina and want to know as much as possible about what we are and what we will be doing. Additionally, it's also clear to them that VVAW/WSO has got itself together a lot more over the past year than they'd care to see us. As a result, their interest in us has correspondingly increased.

3. There has also been a great deal of questions asked about the subject of dope: do we use it, is it very common in the organization, do certain people deal in narcotics, does the organization support itself by selling dope, etc. Given the miserable showing they made around grand juries/conspiracy charges and the like during Gainesville, they are very interested in trying to nail us with a different type of attack. If they can manufacture a dope bust it would be tailor-made for their purposes.

4. After failure to destroy the organization with the trial of the Gainesville 8, there was an initial period during which the FBI seemed to pull back and let things cool off. There was just too much egg on their face behind Watergate, Nixon's crimes, and FBI agents falling out of courtroom broom-closets. Now they have evidently resumed the attack, taking up where they left off. A generalized tactic in all this is a stepped-up campaign of intimidation; constant reminders that they are watching us and know "what we're up to." A good reason why a lot of this is occurring is a hope that they can scare off membership and prevent us from growing. It is not just coincidence that many of the more recent FBI contacts have been with new members, members on the fringe of the organization.

5. Part and parcel of this is an indication that they may be planning to wage a slander campaign against us, to discredit the organization and portray it as a bunch of doped-up, bomb-throwing crazies. It was not mere coincidence that Rep. Ichord of HISC recently labeled us as "one of the groups most likely to move into terrorist activities." In a period of rapidly increasing political repression (which we are most definitely in), libelous attacks of this nature are naturally going to increase and become more vicious.

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Obviously this is not all that could be said but it does put things into a general sort of perspective. We will continue to have to put up with harassment and intimidation of this sort and must adjust to it as best we can. The more we are deflected from the day-to-day conduct of our political work, the more successful the FBI is in its activities -- a fact we can never lose sight of in conducting our work.

If there are any general rules-of-thumb that we should try and follow, it should be keeping the work we are doing primary, remembering we are an open, mass organization and that our activities should be out-front and legal -- any links with illegal activities such as dope, etc. are simply out of the question. If and when we are approached by the FBI or other police agencies, we should remember that our best interests are the last thing they have in mind. We should be polite; politely telling them we will not talk to them. If we are arrested, we cannot allow ourselves to be jammed into saying anything unless it's in the presence of our lawyers. We may have said this hundreds of times but people all too often seem to forget it. For our own protection, we've got to remember it.

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The following are a few examples of things to watch for in terms of what the FBI has in the past tried to elicit in the way of information from us and the general tactics they have used to do this. If chapters or regions have any additional suggestions to add they should send them to the National Office and we'll try and get them out in the newsletter.

TACTICS, INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES, ETC. (Not necessarily in order)

1. Provocateurs trying to sell members guns, bombs, tear gas or similar contraband material. ("Do you know any demo experts?" seems to be very common.)
2. Attempts to get members to buy or sell narcotics, including marijuana.
3. Trying to intimidate people with the physical presence of a real live agent -- experience has shown that many people seem to come totally unglued and forget everything they know about good common sense.
4. Approaching parents of members, trying to convince them that they can "help their son or daughter out" by giving them information.
5. Approaching weak or naive members of the organization -- often fringe or new members.
6. Manipulating people who are vulnerable due to recent busts, (usually drugs), parole violations, etc. to act as informants.
7. Trying to exploit personal grudges or internal organizational struggles to get people to give them information.
8. Contacting employers, trying to get people fired, or asking them for information on members.
9. Increased surveillance, contacts, etc. should be expected around major political events such as Wounded Knee, SLA, etc.
10. Phoney calls to catch people off their guard and get them to either say something stupid or to divulge some form of information.

11. Surveillance of personal and organizational mail through "mail covers."
12. Getting people to talk with them by letting them think they are under arrest etc. The line here seems to go, "Get in the car" or "Come down to our office, we'd like to talk to you." People often assume that they are being ordered, not asked to do so.
13. Dropping information to people and trying to elicit their interest and get them to pursue the conversation -- bait such as this is never dropped accidentally; people trying to "outsmart" them are always going to end up losing.
14. Using a very familiar, friendly approach: "Say, John, you're not like the rest," or "we know that you're alright," or "you're a good dude". People have repeatedly fallen for this thinking that this particular agent is really a good guy and he is the one that is different from all other agents.
15. Trying to throw people off their guard by saying something like, "we know you're not involved in such and such," or that "you're not violent, etc." but what we'd like to know about is... "and it has nothing to do with you."
16. Trying to engage members in political arguments to see where they are politically "coming from."

AREAS OF INTEREST FOR THE FBI (Again, not in any specific order)

1. VVAW/WSO's politics: what are the objectives, what are we doing around amnesty, do we want to end the draft, etc.
2. Information on the personal life and personal political beliefs of individual members, particularly members in leadership positions. ("Do they have a record, are they on parole, what did they do in "nam", etc.)
3. Anything to do with dope.
4. Anything to do with guns, bombs, or "violence oriented" attitudes or statements made by members.
5. Information on credit card telephone fraud -- this is something that should be avoided totally.
6. Personal and internal organizational feuds.
7. Our National Steering Committee Meetings
8. Leading questions like "why are we so paranoid" and "why don't you trust us."
9. Sources of organizational or personal funds.
10. Our regional and national actions: "what are we planning?"
11. "Will the organization continue to exist now that the war's over?"

Hopefully, people will read this information in the context in which it was written -- it is not meant to scare people or designed to provoke a wave of paranoia and ensnare the organization in a wave of "ultra-security consciousness." The last thing we want to do is get overly caught up in security and lose sight of what we are really all about. However, these are unfortunately the facts of life in a movement organization, information we should all share, and conditions that we must adapt to as an organization.

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information requests

Witness Wanted !!

The following request was sent to us from the PVS Clearinghouse in Milwaukee. It concerns the case of William A. McFarland convicted of 2nd degree murder.

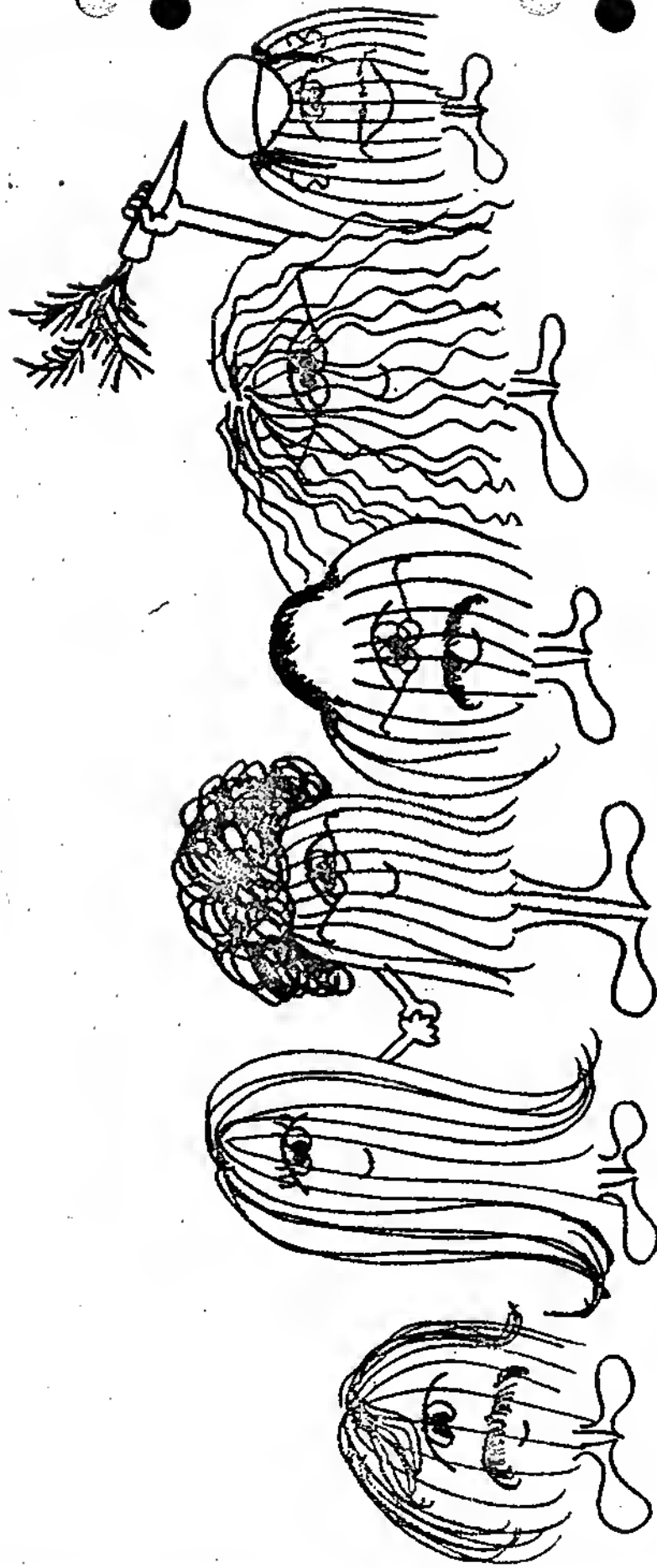
"William A. McFarland, (aka Mack), is looking for people in his unit so he can have support testimony for his parole hearing. He was in Vietnam from 1966-1967 with the 1st Infantry Division, 41st Scout Dogs. A dog handler for "The Big Red One" 2/2, 1/28, and 2/28 and with the 199th Infantry Brigade, 49th Scout Dog platoon.

"Anyone knowing a William A. McFarland, (aka Mack), please write to VVAW/WSO, 2439 N. Fratney, Milwaukee, WI 53212, or write to William A. McFarland, B-38527, Room 6374, PO Box AE, San Luis Obispo, CA 93909."

News Media

In the last Newsletter we asked for chapters to send in a list of local news media names and addresses. So far we have received input from Milwaukee, Bogue Chitto and Bucksport, Maine. Please get this information in soon and don't forget the zip code. We're putting these on computer and would like to have as complete of a list as possible. In a few months we will be sending out a national news release on our July actions in Washington.





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general information

Flash: Police Attack Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee Members!

Riverside police attacked members of the LGODC as they waited in the Riverside Courthouse for the trial of William Palmer. Palmer, a member of the comm., was being tried on a phoney charge of supposedly 'assaulting a police officer with a rusty hubcap.' Palmer was set up on this because of his relationship to the Lawton-Gardner trial. Amid a series of community struggles around police brutality, Palmer had been shot in the back by RPD officers shortly before the 1971 murder of two RPD officers that Lawton and Gardner are now charged with.

A picket line protesting the continuing police harrassment of both Palmer and Zurebu Gardner had been set up in front of RPD headquarters on March 22nd. The picket was very successful and had done a lot to expose the incredible police repression surrounding the Lawton-Gardner trial. A leaflet distributed at this picket asked people to attend Palmer's trial on March 25th. Apparently, police officials decided that this would be a good opportunity to provoke an incident to try and stop future protest of their racist repression.

While members of the LGODC waited in the hall outside the courtroom, an RPD detective arrested Palmer's 14 year-old son on a 'burglary' charge. This prompted Palmer, Gardner, Chukia Lawton and Beverly Ruelle of the committee to demand to see the warrant for the arrest. Instead of producing one, the detective began striking Zurebu in the face and yelling for reinforcements. With cops swarming all over the place, Palmer was thrown on the floor, and Zurebu and Chukia viciously beaten. Chukia was choked unconscious and seriously injured on the arm and neck.

Palmer, Gardner, Ruelle, and Chukia Lawton were then arrested and hauled off to jail. Palmer and Gardner were charged with intent to do great bodily harm to a police officer, battery on a police officer and felonious resisting of arrest. Chukia and Beverly were only charged with the last two counts. Beverly was later released on an OR bond and Chukia was released, after a great deal of harrassment, on posting \$1,500 of a \$5,000 bond. Palmer is currently in jail under a \$25,000 bail and Zurebu under \$10,000. Newsreleases updating this will be sent out ASAP.

HELP-SEND MONEY\$\$\$-Palmer and Zurebu are still in jail. They need your help if they are going to be bailed out. If any money can be raised, send it to:
The Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee, PO Box 244, Riverside, Ca. 92502

Lawton-Gardner Trial Bulletin

Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of the first trial bulletin put out by the Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee. Hopefully, similar bulletins will be coming out on a regular basis, and they will then be sent to all chapters via the national newsletter. We felt it important to let all the chapters know what is going on with the trial and the defense committee, so we hope to be sending out as much information as is available.

Gary has been doing more speaking tours in the past few weeks and more are scheduled for the future. During the week of March 18th, Gary was in northern California doing speaking gigs at various colleges and community gatherings. People should be aware that a party was held for Gary while he was in Oakland and donations were taken at that party. Gary turned around and donated the money raised at the party to the VVAW/WSO Legal Defense Committee which is defending Bob Hood. During April 4-6, Gary will be in Chicago and Milwaukee doing speaking gigs which have been set up by the chapters there. A report on this will come later.

Contrary to the last newsletter, there has been another change in the address for the defense committee. The address which is correct is once again: Lawton-Gardner Offense/Defense Committee, P.O. Box 244, Riverside, California 92502.

Bob Hood Defense Committee Formed

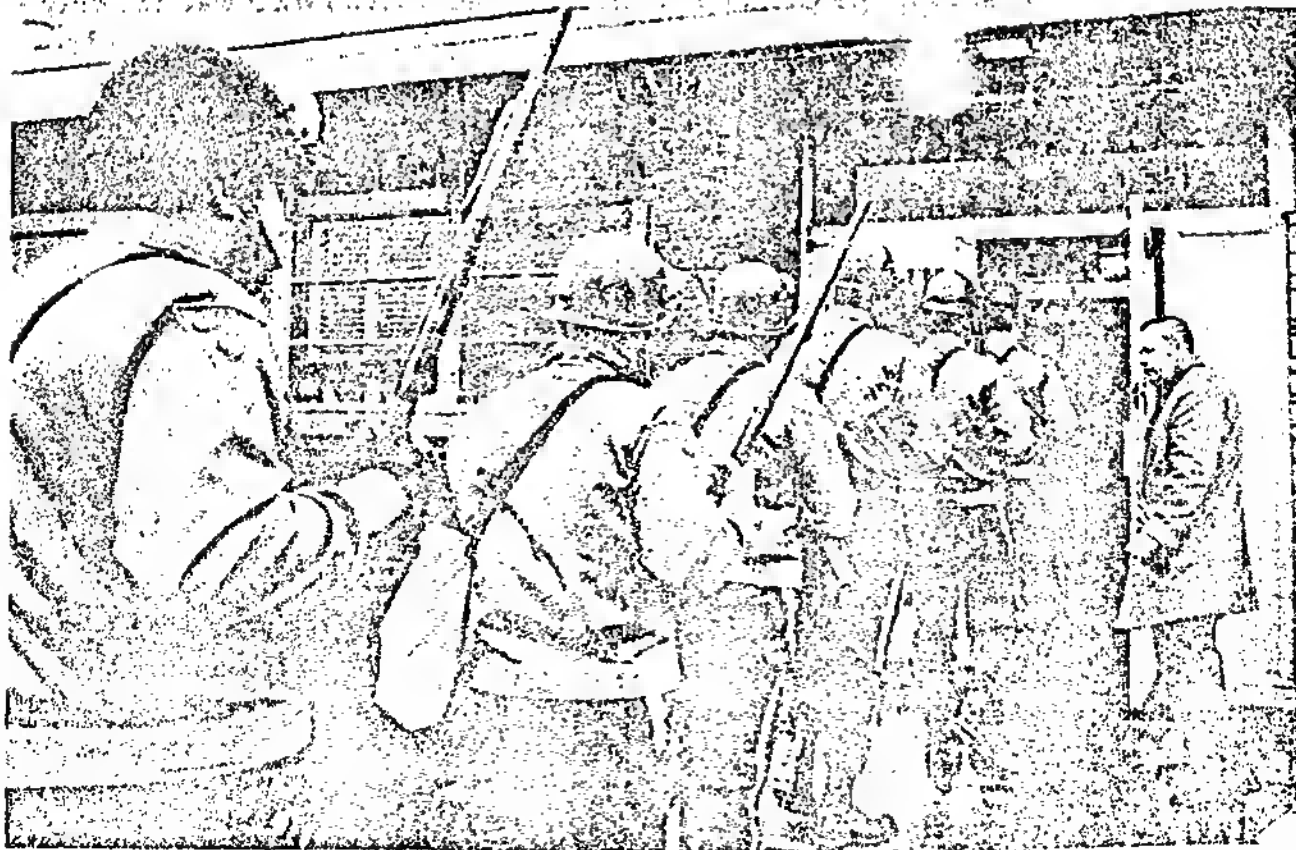
VVAW/WSO in the Oakland and Bay Area has recently formed the VVAW/WSO Legal Defense Committee. The primary purpose of this committee will be to defend Bob Hood against the frame-up charges which have been brought against him by the Oakland Police Dept. The charges of assault on a police officer were brought against Bob after he was brutally beaten by police while trying to insure the rights of a friend who was being harassed. After the beating of Bob, police found a Swiss Army knife in his pocket, and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon. Bob could receive a prison sentence of six months to life if he is found guilty.

This attack and frame-up of Bob Hood (former sub-regional coordinator of California) is just another in the long line of attempts to discredit and destroy VVAW/WSO. With the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, the Bay Area police have unleashed a reign of terror on the "movement" in northern California. Thus far, Bob has been the most blatant victim of this increased police repression. Bob must be defended because his defense is the defense of VVAW/WSO. The defense committee has made two requests: 1. that chapters not send money for the defense because if money is raised, they would rather see it go to the defense of Gary Lawton and Zurebu Gardner; and 2. that letters protesting the harassment of VVAW/WSO and the frame-up of Bob be sent to the District Attorney and Police Department. These letters should be written immediately and sent to: Lowell Jensen, Alameda County District Attorneys Office, 1225 Fallon, Oakland, California; and to Officer E. Wilson, Internal

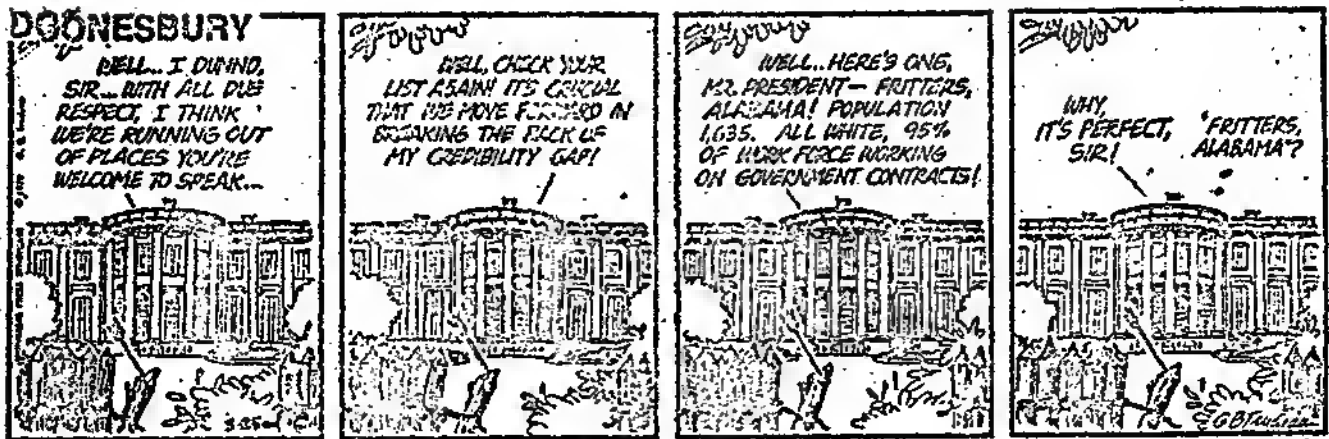
Affairs Division, Oakland Police Dept., 455 7th St., Oakland, California. These letters of protest should be gotten in the mail as soon as possible and copies may be sent to the defense committee. As news develops, it will be gotten out through this newsletter, Winter Soldier, and defense committee mailings. If there are any questions or information is needed, people should contact: VVAW/WSO Legal Defense Committee, 4919 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, California 94609.

Leavenworth Brothers Up-Date

The situation surrounding the Leavenworth Brothers has grown increasingly more absurd during the past week (and increased absurdity is getting hard to imagine). As was reported in this month's issue of Winter Soldier, one of the brothers, William Hurst, has been held separate from the rest of the six indicted brothers. Hurst was transferred to Marion shortly after the July 31st uprising occurred, and has since been sent to the Wyandotte County Jail during the pre-trial proceedings and court hearings. The real reason why Hurst has been separated is not known, though it is strange that as the only white brother who has been charged he is being separated from his black and Chicano brothers now in Leavenworth. On March 20th, an inmate was discovered after having been strangled to death in the County Jail. A few days later, William Hurst was charged with the murder of this prisoner. At about the same time as the body was found, four deputies in the jail were discharged for reasons of brutality, but it is not yet known if the two incidents are tied together. The situation surrounding this inmate's death are still very unclear and not much is being said by jail officials, so more details will be forthcoming.



regional report



Colorado Region Supports Denver Chicano Community

On March 17th, Colorado chapters of VVAW/WSO joined the Chicano community in Denver to support the National and International Day of Solidarity with the Crusade for Justice and the Chicano Movement. A march and rally was held on the 17th in commemoration of events which took place a year ago in which Luis "Junior" Martinez (a member of the Chicano community) was murdered by Denver police. Over 1500 people turned out for the march and rally to demand: solidarity with the Chicano movement, solidarity against political repression, the release of all political prisoners, the ceasing of political frame-ups, and that the memory of Martinez live on. The day was a major political event for the Chicano community and VVAW/WSO was the only predominantly white organization to sponsor the Crusade for Justice activity.

Southern California Slide Show on V.A.

The California sub-regional office and Long Beach chapter have been discussing the idea of putting together a slide show on VA hospitals as a means of exposing the manner in which veterans are treated by the Veterans Administration. If chapters have had experience in confronting the VA, know of horror-stories about the VA, or have photos, etc. they should contact the Long Beach office at: VVAW/WSO, 1810 E. Anaheim, Long Beach, Calif. 90813 and let the people there know what sort of information you have available.

Miami VVAW/WSO Counter Recruitment -

Each year a Youth Fair is held in Dade County, Florida. This year as in the past the US military had displays on the various armed forces in order to recruit the young into the war machine. The Miami chapter of VVAW/WSO went to court in order to be given a booth at the fair to counter the lies of the military. The court ruled in our favor, and a booth was set up on the 10th day of the 11 day fair. During the chapter passed out 6,000 leaflets, sold over 300 copies of Winter Soldier and passed out old copies of the paper and other information. They felt that for the time they were there, a good majority of the people agreed with their point of view.

The booth they were given was in the midst of the recruiting booths; the VVAW/WSO booth just 15 feet from the USMC physical fitness competition platform. The military people were fairly hostile to the VVAW/WSO chapter, but the people at the fair weren't. Counter-recruitment is happening around the country. Now that the volunteer army is in effect, it would be a good idea for chapters to find out more about how to get included in fairs, schools, etc., that allow the military a chance to peddle their wares. For more information on this fair, contact: VVAW/WSO, 2175 NW 26th Street, Miami, Florida 33142.

Buffalo Film Showings -

The Buffalo, New York chapter of VVAW/WSO has begun a series of film showings in their storefront. The films vary from The Murder of Fred Hampton to Red Detachment of Women. Other films in the series show the anti-imperialist struggles taking place in Guatemala, Palestine and Mozambique. Several of the films deal with the history of the labor struggles in the US.

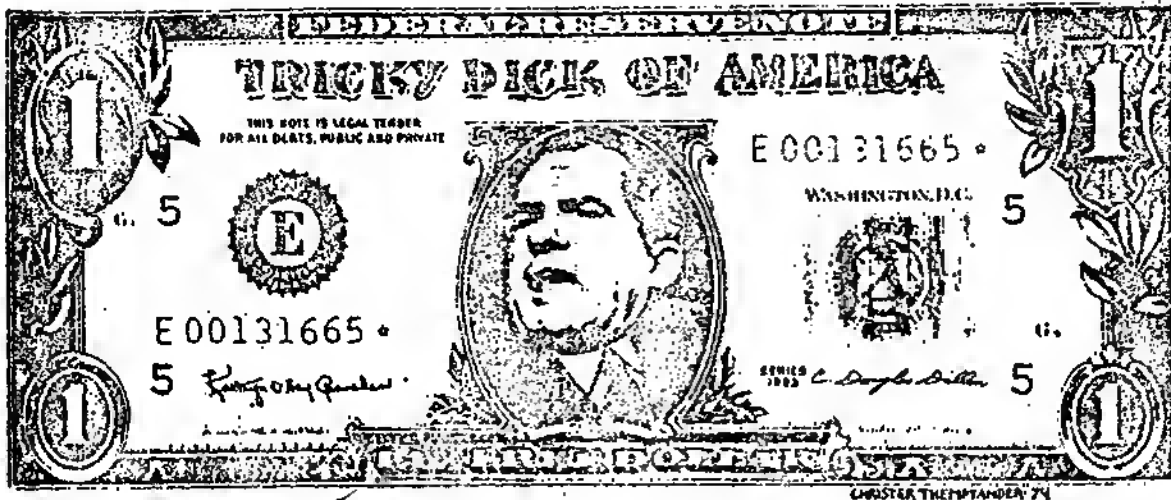
The chapter is getting the films from Ohio Newsreel, Tri-continental and New York Newreel. They find that the films do two things: first, they are making this information available to a wide number of people in the Buffalo area and second, they are learning about these struggles themselves. In the near future they will begin using these film showings to raise money for the chapter. In the meantime they suggest that other chapters try the same program. For more information, contact VVAW/WSO, PO Box 902, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205 and ask for information on how they set these up.

Columbus Film Showing -

The Columbus, Ohio chapter of VVAW/WSO is presenting the showing of another film, They Shoot Horses, Don't They on April 5th. This is the fourth showing of this type of film. They have made much money to carry on the work of the chapter, and urge other chapters to try the same thing in order to keep the chapter work moving. They have printed up a booklet explaining how to rent the films and put on the showings. Several chapters have sent away for it, and we suggest that others do so too. The Columbus chapter finds that this is the easiest way they have found to raise money. To get the booklet, write to VVAW/WSO PO Box 10116, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

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Proposed Objective Changes

Enclosed with this newsletter is a draft copy of the proposed objectives. As decided in Yellow Springs, the national collective was given the task of compiling and re-writing the national objectives based on input from each region. National was then to send out the re-worked objectives to the regions for their discussion prior to the Milwaukee NSCM. The enclosed draft is the result of our efforts. We must point out that only five regions submitted proposals and those regions that did not submit anything should criticize themselves for this failure to act upon Steering Committee decisions.

Before getting into the actual wording of the objectives, the collective decided on several criterion that we used as a basis for discussion. First, was the objective anti-imperialist in nature and did it push forward the anti-imperialist struggle?; second, was it as BROAD as possible without losing its content?; third, was it as concise as possible?; and fourth, was it focused on a major contradiction in the imperialist system. The reason for the first criterion is self-evident; we are an anti-imperialist organization. Secondly, we felt the objectives should be as broad as possible so that they effectively expressed the feelings of members who may differ on the particulars of the contradiction but agree on the nature of the general problem. Thirdly, we felt that the objectives should be as concise as possible to avoid lengthy descriptions that do not have to be included in the objectives. Lastly, we felt that the objectives should focus on major contradictions because these are the points that the majority of people can unite around in the anti-imperialist struggle (though they do not exclude contradictions or struggles related to the same area of discussion). We wanted to avoid spelling out every struggle that exists in the U. S., while providing the basis for work on those struggles which are not specifically mentioned.

It was suggested that the objectives be preceded by Thomas Paine's

...so that people reading the objectives and the name of the organization would understand where our name comes from. This was to be tied into a preamble to the objectives. We agree that there should be a preamble that provides a broad perspective on VVAW/WSO's work. We also felt that the preamble must be concise, though even a little rhetorical, to convey our understanding that the problem facing us today is the system of imperialism.

Finally, we tried to incorporate all the suggestions submitted and mentioned from the regions. There were many conflicting points of view and on these, we tried to broadly define the problem so that both views were included. Please come to Milwaukee prepared with the outlook that these are national objectives and must apply to the perspectives and work of the entire organization.

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National Steering Committee Meeting -

We received a letter from the Milwaukee chapter about the latest plans for the NSCM to be held from April 11-15. The Milwaukee chapter will be putting out one newsletter with the information enclosed, but they asked us to let you know several things:

1. They need the agenda items by April 1.
2. They need the advance fee of \$7 per person, (in the last newsletter it was \$6, but due to inflation, they are asking for the extra \$)
3. Daycare will be provided on the West side of town.
4. Registration will take place at 2532 N. Holton Street, (414) 562-9371.
5. Round Robin reports should be written in advance (paper sales, etc.)
6. Gas shortages are real in Milwaukee, so be prepared to get gas whenever you see an open station.
7. Delegations from regions are to be limited to 8 people.

Declination of National Coordinator Nomination

Bill Hager has notified the National Office that he is declining his nomination for National Coordinator. We have not yet received his written letter explaining why, but when it arrives, it will appear in a later newsletter. This means that the only two people who have accepted the nominations are Sam Schorr and Pete Zastrow (resumes in newsletter #21).

Operation County Fair

Enclosed is the March issue of the OCF Newsletter. Due to the tidal wave of work in Bogue Chitto and at the National Office, this month's newsletter (OCF) was late in getting out. Please note the NEW PHONE NUMBER of the Bogue Chitto Collective; (205) 996-8286.

Keep in mind that the three people from St. Louis who have just arrived (see OCF Newsletter) will be leaving this summer. That means that other chapters should begin looking for qualified people to take their place. Remember that "National Project" does not mean National Office Project; it means it is a project of the whole organization. We made a commitment to the people of Bogue Chitto, and if VVAW/WSO is not going follow in the footsteps of so many "civil rights activists" who left the South along with the TV cameras many years ago, then we are going to have to put in a lot more effort than has been previously forthcoming.

From a recent letter from Bogue Chitto: "We have been working in the house, on the store and the outhouse all day. We have worked out our financial plans for the next four months and our collective will meet each evening after the meal to plan the next day's work. As soon as the living quarters are squared away, heavy planning for the Clinic and chapter and collective work schedule/responsibilities will be done."

PVS Brochure

Enclosed is a brochure entitled "Post-Vietnam Struggle - The Psychological Contradictions of Vietnam Veterans." The brochure was a joint project of the PVS Clearinghouse and the National Office and is intended as a concise analysis of the problem for both members and non-members. This brochure will now give interested people an alternative to buying and reading the lengthy PVS Library if they want to learn about PVS. Interested people will always have the option of investing in the Library. It also allows us to do more mass work in this area now that we have something to handout.

While we're on the subject, please keep in mind that the PVS Clearinghouse relies on conscientious people across the country to take the time to clip articles from newspapers and magazines that concern PVS - either articles analyzing PVS and/or stories on effects, such as a Vietnam vet involved in a shoot-out or suicide. Individually these incidents may bare no relationship to PVS, but collectively they offer important evidence on the effects of the War. Please keep an eye open for articles. Also, people may be interested to know that Penthouse Magazine began a series on the problems facing Vietnam veterans in their March issue.

amnesty

House Judiciary Committee Holds Hearings On Amnesty-VVAW/WSO Barred!

The U.S. House Judiciary Comm. recently held a week of subcommittee hearings on amnesty legislation which barred participation from a number of groups representing people directly affected by the need for an amnesty. Headed by Rep. Kastenmier of Wisconsin, these hearings only took testimony from anti-amnesty groups such as the Pentagon, the VFW and the American Legion and from pro-amnesty groups for the most part representing liberal church organizations. Ed Damato of VVAW/WSO's National Amnesty Clearinghouse was flatly refused permission to read a brief statement on how amnesty affects the more than one half million badly discharged veterans by Rep. Kastenmier who said to him, "how dare you assume to represent veterans!" Other groups similarly refused entry into the committee's hearings included Walter Collins of SCEF, a political prisoner that did nearly 3 years in a federal prison for refusing the draft, and Sandy Rutherford, a wife of an exile in Canada and a representative of the Vancouver American Exiles Association.

Terry Seltzer, Regional Coordinator for the Md. - Washington, D.C. region of VVAW/WSO, had tried for over two weeks to arrange for this testimony from VVAW/WSO and had been led to believe that we and other groups representing people directly affected by amnesty would be allowed to put forward our positions on the issue during the hearings. Instead, the House Judiciary Committee saw fit to refuse all amnesty constituency groups permission to speak on the issue. It is hard to imagine a more reactionary position being taken by them in doing this.

The primary reason VVAW/WSO had attempted to participate in these hearings in the first place was because it was felt that, given all the clouding of the issue by other organizations and the government itself, at least putting forward a clear anti-imperialist perspective on amnesty would have been an important step. The refusal of Congress to even listen to us, however, was not unexpected - we've known all along where they really stood on amnesty and that the only way a real amnesty will be obtained is through a massive grassroots campaign. If nothing else, the D.C. experience utterly confirmed this belief.

Begin Building for the Regional and National Amnesty Demonstrations!

A timely reminder: with only about 45 days left until the May regional amnesty/VA actions and about 90 days to the national action in Washington, we don't have any time to waste. As the April 11-15 Milwaukee SCM is staring us in the face, it should be particularly clear to us all that we really are going to have to get moving on these as soon as possible. After the Milwaukee NSCM,

we will not only have to continue to build a grassroots campaign for amnesty and our DUPs, etc., but have to simultaneously pull together good regional actions, (less than a month after Milwaukee!) and build a massive outreach campaign for the July demonstration in DC. There is one hell of a lot to be done in a very short period of time.

Preliminary discussions with our lawyers and the DC Park's Commission have already begun and things seem to be moving well. While negotiations for a campsite, parade and demonstration permits may, as always, take awhile, they generally look favorable. The DC regional office has been particularly helpful both in obtaining a lawyer and in discussing these permits with the Park's Commission.

It is going to be extremely important to build as much support as possible for the July 4th rally with other groups and coalitions. The more work we do in building this sort of support, the more successful the July 4th demonstration will be. Attempts should naturally be made to get other groups to endorse the actions, but also to get them to actually build for them and to send their people with us when we go to DC in July.

As the proposal for the demonstration in Newsletter #20 for adding the slogan, 'Kick Nixon Out' was accepted, it has now been added to the demonstration's points of unity. People should begin using this in building support for the demos.

This is a national action and should be seen as the primary task of the organization at this time. This is the only way that we will be able to make this action as great a success as it can and will be.

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Pentagon Announces End of SPNs?

On Thursday, March 21, the Pentagon announced that they were dropping the SPN codes from military discharges. These codes appear on all discharges and in many cases, mark a veteran with some perverted stigma for life, regardless of the type of discharge, (honorable, etc.) Some of the more infamous SPN codes include: bedwetting and inadequate personality.

Under the new system to go into effect by the end of June, the code will be abolished and replaced with a written description of the reason for discharge, available only on the specific request of the veteran. In addition, any veteran with a bad SPN could write to the various services and request one that has no code on it.

The pressure built around the country over the use of such discriminatory codes, proved a victory for us. But we should not be fooled by this reversal in Pentagon policy. For one thing, the SPN codes were always 'secret' and not to be given to the public. In fact, according to Rep. Seiberling of Ohio over 20% of all corporations polled in a survey he took showed that they had, and used the codes in hiring veterans. With this history we can expect the corporations and the Pentagon to work out some special deal, enabling the discrimination to continue.

But the major fact remains that there are hundreds of thousands of veterans who have bad SPNs on their discharge papers. These veterans will still be the victims of this discrimination in spite of the fact that they can write in for a possible new DD-214. With the precedence of the discharge review boards backlog in upgrading of discharges, we can imagine how bogged down the system will become. It would take years for the new discharge papers to be given out.

The battle for a single-type discharge with no punitive codes will intensify. Because of this new system, the Pentagon will say they are doing there best, but we recognize that they are only deceiving the public into believing that the discharge system has improved. Thousands of veterans will continue to lose jobs and chances of decent employment because of the codes and the types of discharge.

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Vietnam Veterans Day -

As we noted in Newsletter #21, President Nixon announced March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day. Aside from this administration pap and PR, several chapters of the organization have decided to honor the day with demonstrations. By the time you get this newsletter, the day may have past, but if you receive this before, (or even after), we here in the national office would like to receive from you reports and PHOTOS of what you did on that day. We are going to have an article in the next issue of the paper on Vietnam Veterans Day and need your input. If you have photos, please send them in ASAP. And hopefully they will be black and white, 8"X10" glossys. We cannot use color film for the paper. If you have black and white negatives, send those in if you wish.

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ReBulet to Miami 10/16/73.

For information of the Bureau, [redacted], true name [redacted] (Bufile 100-472374; MM 100-1633) is included in the ADEX; [redacted] true name [redacted] (Bufile 100-476832; MM 100-16783) is the subject of a close Miami investigation which fully disclosed his VVAW/WSO activities.

There are 2 chapters of captioned organization within the Miami Division, the Broward and Dade Counties chapters. The Broward County chapter is morihund and is not known to conduct activities on its own. Only [redacted] above, and [redacted], with whom [redacted] lives, have been known to be active in recent months. [redacted] has also been the subject of investigation (Bufile 100-469465; MM 100-17785) and her participation in captioned organization reported. The Broward County chapter [redacted] known financial resources.

The Dade County chapter of captioned organization currently comprises 6 to 9 members. Activities of this group have been limited in recent months to distributing leaflets, attempts to gain office space and group recognition at the local VA Hospital, and participation in a peaceful demonstration on the occasion of a visit by President Nixon to Miami for the dedication of a hospital addition. The leadership of this chapter is fragmented, [redacted] having [redacted] over the reins to a collective, which has been ineffective in recruiting new members and in conducting activities. It

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is noted, for example, that on 3/29/74, Vietnam Veterans Day, the Dade County chapter made no appearance at the local VA Hospital, despite a reported directive from VVAW/WSO National Headquarters that all chapters were to demonstrate at local VA Hospitals and/or VA Headquarters. The Dade County chapter does have donated office space at the Center for Dialogue, a non-denominational adjunct to a Miami Lutheran church. The Center for Dialogue has for several years functioned as a meeting place for dissident blacks; youths seeking counsel concerning drugs, abortion referrals, etc. The chapter's financial situation otherwise, however, is helieved precarious.

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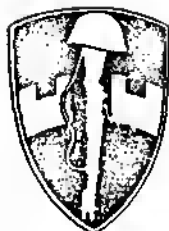
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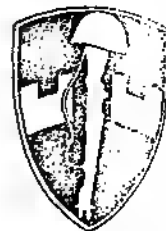
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NIXON WAR



EDITORIAL

In commemorating International Women's Day, it is fitting that we reaffirm our determination to struggle against the systematic exploitation and oppression women undergo in this country. We must always remember that the cause of this oppression is a system - imperialism. The roots of sexism are in this system; it is the enemy we must combat, not some inherently perverse nature of men.

In the context of today's economic crisis, the oppression of women in the US stands out in ever sharper relief. Our economic system needs to keep wages as low as possible. This is accomplished, in part, through chronically high unemployment which maintains a large pool of cheap reserve labor. Women and 3rd World people have historically formed this group in the US. In any economic pinch, they are the first ones to get hit. Today, already holding the poorest paying jobs, unable to get equal pay for equal work, women are the ones who must hold the front lines against skyrocketing food prices and fuel costs. With the hundreds of thousands of job layoffs recently, much of the gains women have made towards equal employment in past years have been eroded in a few months. Those remaining employed find that their frozen wages can't begin to keep pace with the inflationary price spiral.

It is becoming clear to most Americans that we are in for a rough time in this country. We have increasingly less choice about combating the mounting problems we face: the struggle for major change in our society is becoming a necessity. To do this we will need to be as united as possible. The divisions placed between the people are clearly our enemy in this.

It has been said that women hold up half the sky. Certainly without women both participating in and leading the struggle for change in the US we will never get anywhere. Only look to the incredibly crucial role women played in the struggle for liberating Vietnam to see the truth of this. We must understand that in the US, the rising of the women will be the rising of us all.

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NEWS BRIEFS



LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY

On February 7, 1974, a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Kansas City, Ka, handed down major indictments in connection with the July 31, 1973, inmate rebellion at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Though the content of the indictments has not been made official, we have learned that Odell Bennett, Jesse Lee Evans, Alf Hill and Alfred Jasper have been charged with murder, assault and kidnapping. William Hurst, Jesse Lopez and Arman do Miramon were charged with assault and kidnapping. All are VVAW/WSO members. Bennett, Hill and Jasper have also been indicted for post-July 31 incidents. On Feb. 13th, after having been severely beaten, these men were brought to court for discussion of the indictments. One man required 29 stitches in his head. Seventy inmates have been placed in isolation cells following a protest of the beatings.



POLICE ATTACK N. CALIF. VVAW/WSO COORDINATOR

On Feb. 6th, Bob Hood, N. Calif. Coordinator, stopped his truck to act as a witness for a friend who was being harassed by police. The police then pointed a .38 caliber pistol at him and ordered him to put his hands up. When he complied, he was knocked to the ground and beaten. Bob was taken to City Jail and booked for "assault with a deadly weapon against a police officer," after police found a pocket knife on him.



USS LITTLE ROCK

Ten black sailors announced at a news conference on February 13th, that they were the victims of racial discrimination. They made the announcement at a hotel room in Naples, Italy, along with their lawyer, Robert S. Rivkin from the Lawyers Military Defense Committee.

The announcement came as a result of a previously unpublished fight which took place on the cruiser USS Little Rock on Nov. 8, 1973, while on patrol in the Mediterranean during the Middle East crisis. The fight broke out after a white seaman attacked a black sailor with a wrench. The black sailors said the incident followed months of racial tension and the institutionalized racism of the ship's officers. One white seaman involved got 45 days in the brig; the other was acquitted. The black sailors are asking that their case be removed from the ship's command. They face a maximum of 6 months' confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.



FARAH STRIKERS WIN VICTORY

In an unusually broad and harshly worded statement, a National Labor Relations Board ruling called recently that Farah Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America to organize in Farah plants. Farah will appeal the ruling.

The strikers, mostly Mexican-American women, went on strike in May, 1972, for job security and union recognition in an effort to end poor working conditions and low pay. A boycott of Farah pants has been on for over a year. The boycott and strike have forced a shutdown of 4 plants and the loss of millions of dollars to Farah.



LAWTON/GARDNER TRIAL

Chief Counsel for Gary Lawton in his third trial will be Mr. Franklin S. Glenn of San Jose, California; Assistant Counsel will be Mr. William Kunzler from the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. Pre-trial motions have been filed by the attorneys in an effort to call a halt to the harassment of Lawton and Gardner. No trial date has been set for this unprecedented third trial for the murder of two Riverdale, California, policemen. Complete background available from VVAW/WSO National Office.

Which Comes First In America?

PROFITS vs. PEOPLE

Richard Nixon, in his State of the Union address, tried to scare away Americans' economic crisis by saying: "There will be no recession in the United States of America." This statement comes as a shock to the millions of Americans facing a deluge of rising prices and shrinking buying power. Even Nixon's aides are having a hard time making reality fit the distortions of Nixonomics.

Ground beef is \$1.39 a pound, gasoline is over 50¢ a gallon and a loaf of bread may cost as much as a dollar in the spring. Five million people are out of work and economists say that it could be as high as 7-8 million by the end of the year. The inflation rate is hovering at 8% while wages are being held to a possible 5.5% increase. However, the corporations in agriculture and industry are showing enormous profits while wage earners are drowning in the "non-existent" recession.

The answer to this contradiction is summed up in one word: exports. According to United Nations statistics, a third of the wheat bought on the world market comes from the United States and Canada. During the 1960's, the US exported over 40% of its cotton, rice and major grain crops. Japan now eats 29% of all U.S. meat exports and in 1973, the U.S. tripled its total meat exports. Not only does agribusiness profit from exports, the energy industry has reported that most of its phenomenal profits in the last quarter of 1973 came from foreign oil sales and production.

To understand the importance of exporting U.S. production, one need only look at the related industries. As the corporations send more to foreign markets, the supply available to American consumers shrinks accordingly. When wheat is sold overseas, the cost per bushel domestically rises. This affects the meat industry since feed comes from grain. Now take the high cost of meat and add it to the rising cost of transporting that meat and you have a \$1.39 for hamburger. That's a pretty simplified picture, so let's look at the grain industry in more detail.

Testifying before the House Committee on Ways and Means, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz said: "Exports are responsible for about one-fifth to one-quarter of net farm income. . . This year we are exporting the produce of more than 80 million acres, equivalent



to nearly 30% of harvested cropland." At the same time, the government has been withholding information from the public about a major wheat sale to the Soviet Union, allowing the grain dealers in on the secret, allowing them to buy up wheat supplies cheaply. Then, when the price of wheat on the world market had jumped several dollars, the exporters unloaded the wheat to the Russians, thus making a huge profit (part of which included 150 million dollars in government subsidies which are funded by taxpayers money).

All this exporting causes a shortage on the domestic market and forces prices up. Cattle feed costs more, thus causing a rise in the price of wholesale beef. This causes a ripple in the whole meat industry as everyone raises their price, until it reaches the consumer (who can't raise the money to pay for it). No one who shops inside a supermarket can miss this. In August, 1972, a dozen eggs cost 31¢ in Chicago. A year later that same dozen eggs cost 80¢. In June, 1973, a pound of chicken cost 45¢ in New York City. Just two months later, in August, that same pound of chicken cost 74¢.

The fuel industry works the same way with an even more drastic effect. In earlier issues of *Winter Soldier*, we explained that the fuel "crisis" was a planned shortage, but it is also important to realize that the super profits the oil companies are reporting come from the inflated prices of oil on the world market. Exxon, one of the biggest oil producers, had an overall profit increase of 50% for 1973. Seventy-five percent of that profit was made overseas. Everyone knows the effect that the fuel shortage has had in terms of jobs and the very way Americans must now live. To further illustrate the trouble the economy is in, the GNP (Gross National Product) showed only 1% increase. That means that the supply of goods on the U.S. market is dropping while the prices for those goods are rising.

Besides the stagnation in U.S. production at home, many companies are moving their factories to other countries where labor is cheap and unorganized. Already, whole factories have been moved to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Only one new oil refinery has been opened in the U.S. in the last two years while several refineries have been constructed overseas. These movements overseas play a key part in domestic inflation. Inflation, put simply, means that the dollar has less value for purchasing goods while the supply of goods decreases.

This is the essence of imperialism. Nixon and his policies are only protecting this basic tenet of the American economy -- the scramble to make profits. If Exxon and ITT can make more money by selling and producing in foreign markets than that's what they will do. They will also insure their ability to do this by controlling the policies of the federal government to the extent of buying a president, pouring millions into campaign contributions, lobbying, and asking for military protection of their foreign holdings. Inflation does not hurt ITT. We oppose imperialism because it hurts us -- the poor, wage earners and small business people alike. To demand an end to imperialism means to demand an end to joblessness, an end to high prices, an end to government by the dollar, and an end to wars like Vietnam. To kick Nixon out of office is to show that we are opposed to these practices and will not tolerate loss of lives or food for the rise of profits.

The Continuing War

INDOCHINA

"Now that we're not actually dropping bombs, we must maintain our capability to resume such action if we have to." This was said by Gen. Jon Vogt, U. S. Air Force Commander.

This and other government statements make the point for us that the U. S. government is prepared, willing and ready to resume the air war in Indochina at any time. It is therefore necessary for the movement to continue to press for a complete and to aid for Thieu and Lon Nol; implementation of the Paris Agreement, and recognition of the legitimate governments in Indochina.

VIETNAM

Thieu and his Saigon associates have been continuing their violations of the Paris Peace Accords. There has been no move by Saigon toward the formation of a National Council for National Reconciliation and Concord, which, according to the treaty, was to include communist and non-communist opponents and was to organize national elections. Thieu has gone so far as to cancel all elections and then self-righteously declare that "there will be no peace."



At the same time, Thieu has been attacking the PRG controlled areas. Up to 100 air sorties a day have been launched by Saigon (TIME Magazine). With this, Thieu has also launched more than 100,000 "pacification" and police operations in the areas he controls. Not only does he detain and torture political prisoners, but for some time now Saigon prison guards have been dropping corpses of political prisoners into the rivers, where numerous naked, headless, armless and legless bodies can be seen floating everyday. Strict orders have been given that under no circumstances can these bodies be fished out and buried.

The U. S. Congress and President have continued to back these practices by voting \$1.1 billion in military aid to Thieu, and they have now moved to increase it by an additional \$1 billion worth of war materials.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
IMPLEMENT THE TREATY



LAOS

Implementation of the February, 1973, Laos Peace Agreement is still being delayed by the U. S. and its allies in Vientiane. The agreement called for complete withdrawal of foreign military (specifically naming the United States). Yet, the U. S. has refused to withdraw its Thai mercenaries, trained and paid for by the C. I. A.

In addition, Vientiane troops (trained, financed and "advised" by the U. S. government) have been attacking areas under the control of the Lao Patriotic Front. They have refused to allow civilians to return to their homes and villages (called for by the agreement) if these areas were controlled by the Patriotic Front.

The conduct of the Pathet Lao on the other hand, has been considerably different. As shown by a report in the Washington Post: "They (Pathet Lao) are models of deportment. They have opened up a free medical dispensary complete with an accupuncturist which has very much impressed the local population. Medicine on the government side is not free nor plentiful. Interviews indicate that the Pathet Lao enjoy sympathy among the population of Luang Prabang who are sick of corrupt government and military officials."

IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT
LAOS FOR THE LAOTIANS



CAMBODIA

The situation for the Phnom Penh government is deteriorating hourly. The liberation forces have been shelling Phnom Penh with captured U. S. 105 Howitzers. At the same time, they have blockaded the Mekong River and cut the two major roads into the city, thus isolating Phnom Penh and bringing it to economic collapse.

Lon Nol troops continue to desert en masse. A whole unit stationed at Kompong Trm refused to fight and crossed over to the side of the National United Front, taking all their weapons with them. Even though Lon Nol continues to tell his troops that they are fighting "North Vietnamese and Viet Cong," the troops at the front line know from first-hand experience that this is nonsense: "The voices that call from across the river are Khmer voices." (New York Times).

The U. S. continues to be the only power holding the Lon Nol government together. Internally, it is our tax dollars that finance all aspects of this corrupt group. Internally, it is the U. S. that keeps the pressure on our "allies" for continued recognition of Lon Nol over Sihanouk. It is therefore our duty to force an end to the U. S. government support of Lon Nol and push for the recognition of the legitimate government of the Cambodian people, GRUNC, headed by Prince Sihanouk.

END AID TO LON NOL
RECOGNIZE GRUNC



UNITY-STRUGGLE-VICTORY

DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARDS

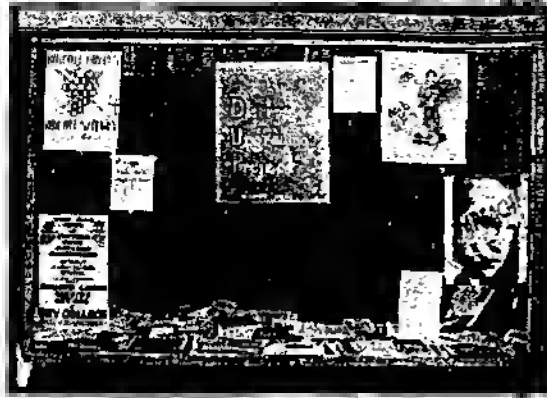


Photo: Winter Soldier

One of VVAW/WSO's Discharge Upgrading Projects

The military's system of discharges is something most people, including GI's and veterans, poorly understand. A more unjust, racist institution would be hard to find. There are 5 types of discharges issued by the military: honorable, general (GD), undesirable (UD), bad conduct (BCD), and dishonorable (DD). Only two of these, BCDs and DDs, are given as a result of a court-martial. The rest are given by administrative procedure. Of the 560,000 Vietnam-era veterans with less-than-honorable discharges, (LTHD), all but 33,000 were given administratively where the individual receiving the discharge was not able to cross-examine witnesses, challenge affidavits or appeal decisions in military courts. Whether punitive or administrative, all LTHDs play havoc with people's lives. Badly discharged vets are rarely eligible for the GI Bill or VA benefits and have a miserable time finding decent jobs. Rep. Seiberling of Ohio conducted a survey that found over half of all companies polled admitted discrimination in job hiring against badly discharged vets. The problem is growing. Last year alone, the Army issued over 50,000 LTHDs or 16.4% of all discharges in 1973!

The only legal means of changing a LTHD is to apply to the Discharge Review Board, (DRB), or the Board for Correction of Military Records, (BCMR). Each branch of service has its own DRB and BCMR in Washington, DC. The DRB usually consists of 5 active duty officers, (one female if the applicant is a woman). The DRB can only change a discharge or issue a new one. It cannot review a discharge stemming from a General Court-martial. These cases must go to the BCMR.

Composed of at least 3 civilians, the BCMR can review cases denied by the DRB. Unlike the DRB, the BCMR is not limited to discharge upgrading, but can also grant back pay and allowances. Application to these boards can be made in a number of ways: by affidavit; in person, with or without counsel; by counsel; or none of the above. The vet must pay for all costs involved in this transportation of himself, his counsel or witnesses. If the DRB and/or the BCMR denies an appeal, the individual's only alternative is to file suit in Federal District Court in Washington - a luxury few can afford.

There are a number of categories of appeals that the DRB or BCMR may act favorably on, including: LTHDs caused by AWOL if problems at home were involved; having a clean record up to receiving a LTHD; having a clean record since receiving one; getting in trouble after combat duty; receiving a LTHD for drug abuse, (all veterans receiving bad discharges because of drugs prior to Aug. '71 may have them upgraded - about 50% actually are); if the offense was committed off-base, off-duty, out of uniform, against a civilian. Getting the boards to approve the case on these grounds is not at all assured.

Due to the expenses involved, lack of knowledge about the review process, lack of qualified counselling services, etc., very few badly discharged vets have actually applied to the boards for upgrading. The review system clearly discriminates against 3rd World and working class people. From 1967-73 only 36,379 appeals were heard. Of

these, only 8,451 were upgraded. This is but a small fraction of the 386,637 vets receiving LTHDs during the same period. (The army, with a 13% approval rate on appeals, presently takes from 1 1/2 to 2 years to hear a case!) As over 160,000 vets have received LTHDs since 1972 alone, it appears that the number of people affected by bad discharges is growing at an alarming rate.

The problem facing these veterans is part of the disaster caused the American people by the war in Indochina. A war that has caused to date over 6 million Indochinese casualties and left the US with over 55,000 dead and 300,000 casualties. Bad discharges resulted from the resistance to the war and the racism and oppression of the military. (In 1972, the Dept. of Defense 'noted' that black GIs were twice as likely to receive LTHDs than white GIs). Because the war was wrong, resistance was right. Just as we are now raising a demand for amnesty for those who resisted the war by going into exile, underground or prison, so we are raising the same demand for GIs who resisted the war and the military. These are the 560,000 Vietnam-era vets who received LTHDs.

What should we be doing to obtain this? VVAW/WSO is setting up discharge upgrading projects around the country to counsel badly discharged vets, and prepare and file appeals. But this is only part of the way in which amnesty for these veterans will be won. The counselling of badly discharged vets and filing of appeals in itself will not win amnesty. What we are demanding is a single-type discharge. This means that when someone leaves the military, all he or she would receive would be a certificate of separation; no categories of discharge at all would be given. We demand that this single-type discharge be given retroactively to all vets.

By fighting for the single-type discharge as an integral part of the amnesty campaign and by getting as many badly discharged vets as possible to file for upgrading with the review boards, there is an awful lot of pressure that can be concentrated on the system. By joining together we will be able to win this demand. A single-type discharge demand is the only thing that makes sense.

For more information regarding discharge upgrading contact your nearest VVAW/WSO regional office.

**A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE
FOR ALL VETERANS!!**

G.I.s CONTINUE

G.I. Resists Riot Duty

(Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone) Pfc. Stanley Kuzminski is awaiting court-martial at Ft. Kobbe in the Canal Zone for disobeying a direct order. It all started in Oct., 1973, when he applied for discharge as a conscientious objector and his claim got tangled up in red tape.

In his own words: "My company and another company were scheduled to give a demonstration on riot control for the Undersecretary of the Army. (Ed. note: This was prior to Kissinger's visit to the Canal Zone to negotiate a treaty that was supposed to return the Canal Zone to the Panamanian people. The Army's riot training was intended as a precaution against a recurrence of what happened 10 years ago, when 21 protesting students were killed by American soldiers). "My company plays the part of a violent mob that is dispersed by riot troops. There is sniper fire, agitators, casualties, the whole bit. . . On the 17th of January the battalion was notified that the demonstration would be held the 22nd. On the 18th, I was ordered to go to the rehearsal with my company."

"Before the first rehearsal, my platoon leader approached me and told me I was going to participate. I told him I couldn't because it was against my beliefs and a violation of my rights. He said it was not against my beliefs and rights because I would not be carrying a gun. I then argued that this was a part of riot training, which is combat-oriented training. . . I was given a direct order to participate. I didn't actually participate. . . I just walked along behind the crowd with my hands in my pockets. When they were dispersed and were supposed to run, I walked. . . On Monday the 21st, I was again ordered to go to the riot and participate. I went to the riot, but I refused to participate."

Kuzminski was then ordered a summary court-martial, which he refused on the 31st, and is now waiting on the Army's next move. At this point, the Army may decide to drop charges. If they don't, he can expect a special court-martial. His CO claim is still hanging somewhere in the bureaucracy, and he is facing 6 months' confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Stanley has no access to any civilian attorney in the Canal Zone, though an ACLU lawyer in New York has agreed to work with him and his JAG lawyer by long-distance phone and mail. He needs support from the civilian community. For further information, contact: CCCO, 407 S. Dearborn, Chicago Illinois, 60605.

SGT. FIGHTS HAIR REG.



Dan's lawyer, former Air Force resister Tom Culver, argued that the hair regulations were unconstitutional and abridged Dan's rights of self-expression. He further pointed out that WAFs were working in Dan's career field, and that since there was no job discrimination between men and women in that field, there should be no rules for personal appearance that only applied to one sex.

Wright ruled that equal employment was not a general "unisex rule," and that the Air Force's hair regulations were legal. He then made a cute comment suggesting that Pruitt might not know "whether he was a man or a woman." This comment was met with a "how dare you" from the crowd.

Wright will ask for a reversal of the conviction on appeal.

(Alconbury AFB, Hunts, England) Air Force Sgt. Dan Pruitt was convicted by a court-martial on January 28 of eight counts of refusing to cut his hair. Pruitt, who considered hair length and personal appearance to be the concern only of the individual GI, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, a bust in rank, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Supporters of Dan Pruitt wanted to attend his trial, but the judge, Major Wright, allowed only 18 spectators and newsmen into the tiny courtroom and refused to move into a larger room. Although many airmen were put on extra duty to stifle support for Dan, stickers reading "Fight the Hair Reg: Support Dan!" were visible all over the base. Civilian members of London VVAW/WSO contacted the media and circulated petitions, collecting more than 800 signatures. Dan appeared on TV before his trial and gained a lot of supporters throughout England.

During the trial itself, one airman was busted for "distributing unauthorized literature" because he was handing information sheets to newsmen. Another was charged with "improper dress" because he had a "Support Dan" sticker attached to his uniform.

Dan's case has greatly increased interest among GIs in England in the fight for GI rights. Several of them have joined VVAW/WSO, which has many members who are veterans and draft resisters, as well as U.S. and British civilians; this linking up of GIs, vets, and exiles can only strengthen the growing amnesty movement and promote discussion of how GI Rights and universal, unconditional amnesty are part of one and the same demand: Freedom for all of our brothers and sisters!

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TO STRUGGLE!

A.F. RACISM EXPOSED



(Ent AFB, Colorado) A black airman, a VVAW/WSO member, is facing serious charges at Ent AFB as a result of rampant racism among the security police at the base. AIC Charles Beaman will be court-martialed on March 18 on charges of assault on a policeman, failure to obey a direct order, threatening words,

and disrespect to a superior officer.

The charges stem from an incident that took place on December 11, 1973. On that day a female member of the Security Police (SP) stated that a black GI had made an obscene gesture toward her. A black airman was arrested; Beaman and a number of other black GIs were present and observed the arrest. Half an hour later, Beaman was driving his car on the base when SPs stopped him and forcibly dragged him from his car after he refused to get out. He had been given no reasons for why he was being stopped, and thus he was within his rights to refuse to get out of the car. After being yanked out, he was searched, ordered to park his car, and told he was being taken to the Ent security complex. He refused to go along with the "orders," and when he was grabbed by an SP, he struck back in self-defense. The next thing he knew he was lying on the ground, being stomped by the SPs. He was there for two hours, during which time he was stomped on again when he refused to hand over his identification. After he was released, he went to the clinic, where he couldn't get treatment; he reported this to the clinic's commanding

officer, who was totally uncooperative and got into an argument with Beaman. This led to the "disrespect" charge against Beaman.

This incident is only the latest in a series of events involving white SPs at Ent and their harassment of Beaman and other black GIs. Beaman and some friends were stopped for a traffic ticket by some SPs in July, and were subjected to verbal racial epithets before being confronted with the SPs' drawn guns. Beaman complained, but no action was ever taken against the SPs.

The pattern of harassment of black airmen at Ent has its roots in the nature of the base and its security force. All of the SPs involved in these incidents have been white, since most of the SPs at Ent are white. Also, the Ent brass are particularly afraid of any militant actions by GIs who want their rights respected. Ent is a top-security, hush-hush base where a lot of classified work takes place. The authorities there want to make sure that blacks on the base "know their place."

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TRIAL SET FOR MARCH SMITH HASSLED IN PRISON

(Fort Leavenworth, Kansas) The Army has decided to court-martial Melvin Smith for the shooting of a first sergeant in Quang Tri, Vietnam, in 1971. Smith was suffering from a grave head injury and deep emotional stress when he randomly fired a weapon in a mess hall, wounding three men, one fatally. Despite overwhelming psychiatric testimony that he was insane at the time, he was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. He won a reversal on a technicality last September, and has been informed that he will face a second general court-martial on March 11 or 13. It will be held at Leavenworth.

Meanwhile, the prison brass has been going to great lengths to try to suppress information about, and support for, Melvin's case. As publicity around it began to grow, the prison authorities began tampering with mail into and out of the prison. When a recent letter from Melvin to VVAW/WSO was printed in the VVAW/WSO GI NEWS, a copy of the paper was stolen by the prison brass from the prisoner for whom it was intended. The Director of Custody then confronted Melvin with it and wrote Smith up for a "Disciplinary Hearing." It probably means that he will be sent to isolation; as it is, he has been confined to his quarters and is not free to visit with his brothers. The Director also informed Melvin that all of his mail—in and out—was being read and Xeroxed before it went on its way. The authorities have suggested to Melvin that he had better shut up or "things will get worse for him."

In another letter, Melvin answers the brass: "Matters can't possibly get any worse for me than they have over the years I have been part of a corrupt system known as the U.S. armed forces. . . . If public recognition and support are so ineffective, the so-called omnipotent administrator wouldn't mind my exposing lies and speaking the truth for what it's actually worth. . . . There is much pow-

er in the beautiful kind of eloquence known as protest!"

Melvin Smith goes to trial in less than a month. He needs support and help, both in terms of his trial and in terms of his day-to-day struggle at Leavenworth. He has been singled out by prison authorities because they consider him to be the "ringleader" of black protest at the prison.

Petitions are available from NS-CAM-Chicago; they will be sent out upon request. Donations, which are desperately needed, may be sent to the Melvin Smith Defense Fund, c/o Independence Bank of Chicago, 7936 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, Ill. 60619. Melvin also needs publicity in any paper that can be interested; any help that can be given is greatly appreciated. In terms of his being harassed at Leavenworth, it would be extremely helpful if supporters would write letters of protest to the Commanding Officer, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 66027, asking that all harassment and mail tampering stop, and that Melvin Smith be given a fair and just trial.

(The full text of Melvin Smith's most recent letter will be printed in the next VVAW/WSO GI NEWS. He has asked that it be published, despite the fact that he has been threatened.)

THE INTERNATIONAL





Vietnam Veterans Against the War Winter Soldier Organization

Objectives

1. To demand an immediate cessation of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops, planes, and military and economic aid from Southeast Asia. We cannot allow one more human being to be killed in Southeast Asia. We support as a basis for the cessation of these hostilities the various peace proposals of the People of Southeast Asia or such future plans as they develop based upon their right of self-determination and actual control of their own destinies.

2. To demand the immediate termination of all other operations by the United States Government, its agencies, and American business interests that are designed to suppress the rightful struggles for liberation and self-determination of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America. This includes the maintenance of dictatorial governments, economic domination, and the theft of the natural resources of other countries. The United States should make reparations in a program acceptable to the Indochinese for all of the damage done by the United States.

3. We demand that all active-duty servicemen, women, reservists and national guardsmen be afforded the same rights that are guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights that are presently denied by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We are appalled that our active-duty GIs are treated as less than first class citizens. We endorse the efforts of our active-duty sisters and brothers in their struggle to democratize the military.

4. To support all military personnel refusing to serve against their consciences in wars at home and abroad. We demand that Congress enact legislation for the immediate repatriation of those brothers and sisters who are in prison or in self-exile by reason of their refusal to serve in the military. It must also involve an end to all repression and a freeing of all political prisoners.

5. To demand there be no distinctions as to types of discharges and that a single type of discharge be issued, and that this be retroactive. We also demand all veterans receive all rights and benefits under the VA; and that compensation for disabilities be based solely upon the degree of disability for veterans and their families, without regard to sex, race, rank or length of service.

6. To make clear that the United States has never undertaken an extensive, open investigation of American war crimes in Indochina. In its war in Indochina, the principles of Nuremberg have been violated. As active-duty and former GIs, we recognize the responsibility and guilt of the individual soldier

to refrain from committing war crimes. We also recognize that the responsibility and guilt of war crimes committed in the name of America lies with our policy makers at all levels.

7. Resolved to fight racism, to show Americans that our society is permeated by racism, which manipulates whites in viewing non-whites as inferior or less than human. This racism pushes Third World People through inferior schools to inferior jobs and into combat arms. Thus Third World People are sent off to die in disproportionately high numbers as we kill Asians indiscriminately. We also demand the US military recognize its complicity in America's domestic and international racism.

8. Resolved to fight sexism, to show that sexism plays a major part in promoting war. We must show Americans our society is permeated by sexism, which forces an inferior status upon women, reducing them to subservient sexual objects, and which robs both men and women of their natural growth. This institutionalized sexism channels women into unfulfilling, lower paying jobs which are servile in nature, and degrades and dehumanizes them by a double standard of morality wholly dependent on the myth of male supremacy. This sexism is exploited by the military, officially defining service-women as subordinate and thoroughly subjugating them to servile work and the role of a sexual object. We resolve to fight sexism within our society, within our own organization and within ourselves.

9. To support the democratic right of Americans to unionize and strike to protect their income and safeguard their employment. We consider all legislation designed to suppress these rights, including mandatory arbitration, to be illegal and not in the interests of the American working people. We also demand full employment for all Americans, including free educational and vocational training for all who need or want it. We refuse to participate in the efforts being made to separate us from other working people, making veterans enemies by giving us the charade of employment priority. We condemn this as a method of encouraging enlistment by the false promise of employment after service. We also condemn the use of active-duty GIs, Reservists and National Guardsmen as strikebreakers.

10. To dedicate ourselves to these principles and objectives which directly relate to the imperialist suppression of the People of the World by the United States government. We understand this war is imperialist in origin and affirm that the membership of VVAW/WSO is not only concerned with ending this war, but with changing the domestic, social, political and economic institutions that have caused and perpetuated its continuance.

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WHAT IS VVAW-WSO

Vietnam Veterans Against the War began in 1967 in New York City when six anti-war veterans marched in a demonstration under the banner: "Vietnam Veterans Against the War." This first public action was followed by many more in the years to come.

Operation Rapid American Withdrawal (RAW) was a forced march by 150 vets from Trenton, N.J. to Valley Forge. This march in the fall of 1970, was one of the earliest national VVAW actions. Along the march route vets conducted mock "search and destroy" missions, interrogation of prisoners, and other lessons well learned in Vietnam. During Operation RAW the original objectives of VVAW were formulated.

The trial of Lt. Calley was a major force behind convening the Winter Soldier Investigation into American War Crimes committed in Southeast Asia. This investigation, held in Detroit in January 1971, saw over 150 veterans testifying about war crimes they had committed. The message to the American people was clear: My Lai was not an aberration but the calculated result of American imperialistic policy in Vietnam. Several congressional inquiries, a book, and 3 documentary movies came out of the WSI.

With the spring of 1971 came Dewey Canyon III, a limited incursion into the halls of Congress. Dewey Canyon I and II had taken place in Southeast Asia without the knowledge or consent of the American people; VVAW was now determined to be heard. For a week, more than 100 VVAW lobbied with Congressmen, testified in hearings, performed guerrilla theater, and engaged the people of Washington, D.C. in a continuing dialogue. On Friday, 1100 vets returned the medals they had been awarded by the government for military service. This was the final break, and the return of the medals signified the ultimate act of revolution for what these medals stood for.

The summer of 1971 saw a general lull in anti-war activity the country over. VVAW be-

gan to move in a new direction. Into our communities. We began the process of learning that the war was only a symptom, that as long as the American economic structure could profit from the exploitation of working and third people at home and around the world, wars like Vietnam would continue. During all of this, however, we did not forget about the war. Christmas, 1971, found 16 members of VVAW holding the White House in a symbolic protest. The war was again front page news.

VVAW took part in actions at both the Democratic and Republican conventions. Our demonstrations there were both legal and peaceful. We went to Miami Beach with the people's most dangerous weapon, the truth -- and to prevent the people from hearing that truth, the government had to use spies, infiltrators, and agents to provoke violence.

When Coronation (Independence) Day 1973 arrived, VVAW again returned to Washington. Over 5,000 people strong, we marched, signed the 9-point peace agreement with the Vietnamese people, and returned to our communities.

The signing of the peace treaty by our government has left us with no illusions about the future. We were the authors in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964, and there are brothers and sisters in the military today who may well be participants in a future Gulf of Tonkin incident. We have learned that only a radical change in the system of this country can possibly prevent the war of the future.

As we learned what was behind the Vietnam War, and as we went into our communities to work, we found people who agreed with our objectives but who were not veterans (though all Americans are in fact Vietnam veterans). To broaden our base of membership, we added "Winter Soldier Organization" to our name to become the present Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

There is one basic requirement for membership in VVAW/WSO: agreement with the ten objectives and a willingness to work toward their implementation. To join, contact the national office or your regional address as listed above.

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VVAW-WSO

PROTESTS CONTINUE!



VVAW/WSO button placed on photo of Thieu during take-over in Wash.

On the anniversary of the signing of the Peace Agreement on Ending the War in Vietnam, it was evident that these agreements were being violated by the United States and the Thieu government in Saigon. This fact prompted VVAW/WSO to organize and participate in demonstrations across the country to heighten the public awareness around this and other major issues of the day. In addition to demanding an end to US involvement in Indochina, VVAW/WSO also demanded that Nixon be kicked out of office for criminal acts against the American people and the people of the world, and for universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters. These demonstrations united around these three demands drew the support of many other organizations, in what is becoming a united effort to expose the administration in Washington DC and the businessmen who control it.

The demonstrations were kicked off in Washington DC, on Friday, January 25, when six members of VVAW/WSO and one reporter entered the Saigon Information Office's Pay/War Ministry and asked the occupants to leave. Eventually all of the employees left and the VVAW/WSO members draped banners out of the window reading, 'Implement the Peace Accords' and another reading, 'VVAW/WSO'. After one hour of occupation, the police broke into the building and arrested the dem-

onstrators who had intended to stay there until the US recognized its duty to implement the peace accords. Just prior to the police break-in, the vets called the Provisional Revolutionary Government's Paris office to express their solidarity with the Vietnamese people.

The six members were taken to jail and were finally charged with interference with a diplomatic mission. They will be tried in the US Superior Court on March 6th and the veterans will challenge the legality of the Saigon government as their defense.

On Saturday, January 26th, the organization initiated and participated in demonstrations, rallies and vigils across the country. In Chicago, Illinois, the VVAW/WSO chapter initiated a march and rally that drew 400 people. The march proceeded down State Street in Chicago, State Street, and wound up at the Civic Center for a rally where demonstrators listened to speakers from the Revolutionary Union, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party and VVAW/WSO member, John Young, former POW. The spirited demonstrators marched through pouring rain and were greeted and encouraged by many of the shoppers along the way. This demonstration drew the support of the many organizations in Chicago that support these demands. Some of these groups include: CAGLA, the October League, RU, PSP, the New World Re-

source Center, the National Lawyers Guild, the Cultural Workers Committee, Bread and Roses, and the Throw the Bum Out Coalition.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the chapter organized a march through their neighborhood and drew 200 community people out into the rain to demand implementation of the agreements, universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters, and Kick Nixon Out! After the march and rally, about 75 community people and VVAW/WSO members got together informally and discussed the reasons why these demands are necessary for all the American people.

A two day fast and a nighttime vigil were sponsored by the Denver, Colorado Springs and Boulder chapters. These events were held on the steps of the Capitol Building in Denver. About 25 people fasted for the two day period, and the vigil attracted over 125. The fast was marked by enthusiastic support from the people of that city who were in agreement with the three demands.

The California chapters partici-



Denver - 125 people at fast and vigil.



Chicago - 400 people marching down State Street prior to rally at Civic Center.



Photo: Jim Kilmaster

VVAW/WSO argues with police over occupation of Saigon Info. Office

ted in cultural and political events sponsored by the Indochina Solidarity Committee and the Bay Area Coalition to Free Political Prisoners in South Vietnam. This educational held in Oakland preceded a night of music and speakers that attracted over 600 people who listened to, among others, Bob McBride of VVAW/WSO who spoke for the need for amnesty for all war resisters.

Other demonstrations and leafletting took place in chapters across the country including: Miami, Florida; Columbus, Ohio; Kansas City, Missouri; Buffalo, Rochester and New York City, New York.

As the growing unrest of the people builds and as more and more people take to the streets to demonstrate their concern over the ever-increasing crimes of the American government, these marches and rallies will continue to draw the unqualified support of the majority of the American people.

BUILD VVAW/WSO

UNITY-STRUGGLE-VICTORY



Photo: Paul Rues

Milwaukee - 200 people at march and rally

NATIONAL OFFICE COMMENT

TERRORISM



In recent weeks we have been bombarded with media reports of the alleged activities of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). The SLA is purportedly responsible for the Nov. 6th slaying of Oakland School Superintendent, Dr. Marcus Foster, and the Feb. 4th kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, daughter of newspaper magnate Randolph Hearst. Whoever is responsible for these acts has set in motion a very unfortunate series of events that cannot but have adverse effects on progressive forces in the US and N. Calif. in particular.

Dr. Foster's murder was certainly no way in which to raise any issues around the Oakland school system. It only served to obscure any legitimate demands for change that were being made. Similarly, Ms. Hearst can in no way be held responsible for the political role played by her father in the US. Her kidnapping and the slaying of Dr. Foster were irresponsible acts of terrorism conducted by a few individuals. VVAW/WSO condemns them.

Additionally, these events have provided police, officials and right-wing media sources a golden opportunity to attack movement organizations in the Bay area. Oakland police and media personnel have already tried unsuccessfully to link VVAW/WSO with the Foster slaying, hoping to thereby discredit our work. An Oakland PD spokesman went so far as to say that they had "reason to believe that VVAW could be involved" in the slaying. Statements such as this are totally unfounded either in political or evidentiary fact. But, as we have learned from the Lawton/Gardner trials, police officials are more than willing to frame movement activists when the real suspects cannot be located.

VVAW/WSO firmly believes that it is the American people themselves that will make significant social change in this country. In the long struggle we are facing to end oppression here, it is only the American people who will be able to achieve their own liberation from it. We must never lose sight of the fact that the people are the real heroes in this process, not individuals isolated from them.

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THE WAR COMES HOME

DON KEMP

After deliberating less than an hour on January 18th, a Waukesha County jury found Donald Kemp, a 26-year old Vietnam veteran, sane when he shot and killed his wife Diane in June of 1971. In pronouncing him sane they upheld his conviction of first-degree, premeditated murder and his sentence of life imprisonment.

In Vietnam, Don's job was to fire on the ARVN, the NLF, the North Vietnamese or the U. S. units who had called their own truce in a given area. If an American unit refused to make contact by going the other way, it was Don's responsibility to fire on them and give their position away to the 'enemy'. If the villagers in an area became too 'secure', it was Don's job to kill some village officials to bring some heat on the NLF from the village people.

After Don came home he began having nightmares. He was paranoid about the safety of his family and insisted that they put chain locks on all the doors. He started drinking and taking downers to get rid of his nightmares - flashbacks from Vietnam.

He was admitted three separate times to the VA Hospital and was an inpatient for a total of 23 weeks where he was doped up on librium, atelazine and thorazine - the last two, heavy tranquilizers often given to people diagnosed as psychotic. They discharged him as an inpatient on May 5, 1971, and as an outpatient on June 10th because the psychiatrist he had been seeing was leaving the VA and because Don had showed some improvement. That night, while having a flashback/nightmare, he was awakened by his wife whom he then shot thinking that she was 'the enemy'. He shot her with a .22 caliber pistol which he kept under his pillow.

Don can't remember anything about the next five days. June 15th he turned himself in at the VA Hospital, carrying a bottle of rum, the loaded gun and with his kids - ages 3 and 5 - in hand.

On July 7, 1972, Don Kemp was pronounced sane and automatically convicted of first-degree, premeditated murder; he then began serving his life sentence.

While in jail, Don formed a group among other Vietnam vets to deal with the problem of PVS (Post-Vietnam Syndrome or Post-Vietnam Struggle). He also worked on his appeal.



Drawing by Sam Peters

DON KEMP AT TRIAL

On November 12, his appeal came through. And after refusing all offers of a 'bargain' from the State, the new trial began on January 14th in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Through the use of challenge, DA Richard McConnell eliminated everyone on the jury panel who had themselves served, or had any close relative serve, in Vietnam. He even eliminated all veterans of any war except for one man who was a bomber pilot in WW II. He also challenged all young people - the average age of the jurors was 55.

Judge Clair Voss ruled that the phrase "Post-Vietnam Syndrome" could not be mentioned in court. The five witnesses who testified were all psychiatrists. Three said he was not responsible for his acts at the time of the crime, one said no one could make that decision, and one had no opinion.

In his summation, McConnell called combat neurosis "hogwash and a smokescreen... Mr. Kemp is a fraud, a drunk and a drug addict." Referring to the 30-35 VVAW/WSO people who were coming to court every day to support Don, McConnell said, "These people are here to fool you."

And so Donald Kemp is back in Waupun Prison, sentenced to stay there for the rest of his natural life. He's working on his appeal and has a \$3 million law suit against the Veterans Administration Hospital for the murder of his wife.

The VA suit begins to sharpen the focus of the problem because the VA

does not recognize PVS as a service-connected disability. The reason it can't recognize PVS is because the government would then have to admit to what actually happened in Vietnam; and this is the same war we're confronted with.

Throughout the trial the role of the War in Don's actions was not explored. But even as the Waukesha DA admitted, there are psychological casualties in any war, which in itself should command leniency in cases such as this. But the Vietnam experience compounded the problems produced by war. The routine murder of defenseless people, torture, defoliation, free fire zones, terror bombing, mass relocations, napalm and white phosphorous and the overwhelming firepower were particular to Vietnam. What was more particular was that our soldiers were fighting for a lie. The brutality of other wars could usually be rationalized by participants because there was some meaning, such as fighting the spread of fascism. Not so with Vietnam; we were not fighting for democracy - we were defending a dictatorship.

And so with the case of Don Kemp the people who govern us have again shown their inhumanity. They refuse to admit what effect the War actually had on Vietnam veterans like Don and that the problems created by the War did not magically disappear with the signing of the Peace Agreement. There are thousands of other vets like Don who may be on drugs, in prison, leading dead-end lives - waiting for America to wake up. A victory for Don will be a victory for us all.

SLAVE'S RIGHT TO REBEL

FREE RUCHELL MAGEE



Ruell Magee shackled in court.

A man is now sitting in the San Jose County Jail who has spent the majority of his life struggling for freedom. That man is Ruell Magee -- a black political prisoner for nearly 20 years who has for all practical purposes been forgotten by the people of this country. Ruell's fight against the racism of our society began when he was 16 years old and living in his home state of Louisiana. In 1955, he was found guilty of "attempted aggravated rape" of a white woman by an all-white jury. Though the woman who had been raped failed to identify Ruell in a police line-up, he was sentenced to 12 years in the Angola State Penitentiary.

After six years in prison, Ruell was paroled and moved to Los Angeles in 1962. Within seven months after his parole, Magee was again caught up in the racism of our court system. This time, he was charged with a kidnapping which supposedly arose out of an argument over \$10. Based on the coerced confession of the alleged "victim," (a confession which was illegally admitted in court) Ruell was again convicted of a charge he was innocent of, and sentenced to one year to life in prison. Magee was sent to San Quentin where he fought for and won the right

to a new trial in 1965, on the grounds that testimony had been illegally presented at his first trial. Ruell's court-appointed attorney entered a plea of "innocent by reason of insanity." When Magee objected to this plea, he was gagged, dragged from the courtroom and beaten by guards. The judge in this second trial (who just happened to also preside over the first trial) ordered the jury to either find Ruell insane or guilty of the kidnapping. He was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Ruell returned to San Quentin and immediately began filing briefs and appeals to the courts -- petitioning for his freedom. His belief in the justice of this country was shattered in Feb., 1970, when a young black prisoner was murdered by San Quentin guards. Ruell, all pledged (along with many other prisoners) that the truth of this murder would be taken to the outside world, and the prison responded by unleashing a reign of terror against all prisoners who had been involved in speaking out against repression in the prison.

years of brutality and an overwhelming desire for justice and freedom, Ruell appeared in the Marin County courthouse on August 7, 1970, to testify on behalf of a fellow prisoner. On this day, Ruell rebelled against his oppression in what has come to be called the "Courthouse Slave Rebellion." On this day in court, Jonathan Jackson rose from his seat and said: "All right gentlemen, this is it." The prisoners then made their bid for freedom and attempted to escape in a van, taking with them the court's presiding judge. Marin County Sheriff's opened fire on the van and indiscriminately murdered Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, James McClain, and Judge Harold Haley. Following the murder, Ruell (the only surviving prisoner) was charged with murder, conspiracy to free the alleged Soledad Brothers, and kidnapping. These charges came to trial in 1972 and during the trial, it was discovered that the bullet which killed Judge Haley was traced to a weapon of one of the guards. With Ruell's involvement in the murder having been disproved, the jury deliberated and returned hopelessly hung.

The murder charge against Ruell was then dropped and he is still awaiting his second trial on kidnapping charges resulting from the Slave Rebellion. Since the first trial, Ruell has been practically abandoned by his

supporters. Following are some excerpts from a letter which Ruell recently sent to Gary Lewton and the Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee.

"I am in need of sincere support to get my meeeeee to the people. Sincere defense committee support is the only way the injustice will be exposed or stopped. The peel committee support I have been getting can be described only as an extension of my oppression. . . I don't know what you have read or heard in the news media, but the state agents do not want to let this slave case go to trial again. They have no case. . . Period. I haven't committed any crime; but any black man (victim of Police frame-ups) can be caught by the judicial traps of slave oppression. It is no crime to break out of the traps of slave oppression!"

"The California defense committees and supporters haven't shown me anything -- except foolishness and exploitation. Progressive people must strive to improve (build) our society. That is why I am appealing to the people. . . I can prove (easily prove) in facts, law and evidence, that the court-appointed lawyer in 1965, all-out railroaded me, by tricking the jury into finding me guilty. This was done through the use of the lawyers' vicious false insanity/guilty plea. All that is needed to prove this "undisputable fact" is my being allowed the right to be heard in court, in that I may produce the factual evidence."

Ruell Magee remains strong and determined to gain his freedom and he has continually maintained his complete innocence in all of the charges he has been imprisoned for. Ruell is just one of the many victims of the racism exhibited by our court system and our society as a whole. At this time, unless support from the people of this country is given to Ruell, he will be destined to spend the remainder of his life behind prison walls. Ruell's political history and its culmination in the Courthouse Slave Rebellion should be an example to all of us who are involved in the struggle for freedom and equality.

"I'm not guilty but I'm laying my life on the line to prove this fact."

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-47162) (P)

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Re Lanitel dated 3/29/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau and below listed offices is an article written in the Washington Post dated 3/30/74 entitled "NIXON AIDE, VETERANS TALK", detailing the activities and presenting background information on RON KOVIC.

Lieutenant [redacted] of the U.S. Capitol Police advised on 3/29/74 that the Hearings By the Senate Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs remained orderly the entire time, and no arrests were made.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1)
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Nixon Aide, Veterans Talk

Presidential Help on Problems Pledged

By Joseph D. Whitaker
Washington Post Staff Writer

A group of five disgruntled veterans, who failed Thursday to get an opportunity to discuss veterans' problems with President Nixon, was admitted to the White House yesterday to talk with one of the President's advisors, who promised that Mr. Nixon would begin working to solve some of the problems the group outlined.

When they emerged from the one-hour, 20-minute conference with domestic advisor James Cavanaugh, leaders of the California-based organization, called American Veterans Movement (AVM), told newsmen the meeting was "a success."

"Mr. Cavanaugh assured us that the administration will begin to respond to the fact that there is a national veterans crisis in this country," said Ron Kovic, leader of the group. Kovic is confined to a wheelchair from injuries he received in Vietnam.

Cavanaugh, the associate director of the President's Domestic Council, said he promised the veterans he would personally review each area of concern and "get back to them with a quick and prompt response." "The President is quite insistent that all of America's veterans get every consideration and benefit they are entitled to," Cavanaugh said.

Kovic and six other veterans attempted a takeover of the Washington Monument Thursday morning after their first attempt to see President Nixon failed. The group—three members of which were in wheelchairs—was ejected from the monument by U.S. Park Police. The veterans alleged that the police used unnecessary force—a charge that police officials denied.

As a result of yesterday's meeting, Kovic said, his group from now on will be in direct contact with Cavanaugh whenever the members have a problem. In addition, Kovic said Cavanaugh will visit the group's headquarters in Delray Calif., to talk further about veterans' problems.

Problems outlined by Kovic revolve around what he called "deplorable conditions" in the nation's veterans hospitals and inefficient handling of veterans' benefit checks, which he said are often one and two months in arrears.

"We left the White House today with the idea that somebody is going to take some positive action," Kovic said, "but if the administration doesn't respond, they're going to see a veterans protest like nothing they've ever seen."

Kovic said the 6,000 members of AVM and thousands of veterans in other groups

are ready to set up tent encampments in key cities across the country if pressing problems are not soon alleviated.

"The people in this country don't seem to realize that the national veterans crisis is a powder keg," Kovic said. "If something isn't done, the whole thing is going to explode."

Kovic, a native of Ladysmith, Wis., was born on July 4, 1946. "Since that day, I guess I've been sort of a super patriot," said Kovic, who said he is an ex-marine sergeant who was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service during two tours of duty in South Vietnam.

"When I joined the Marines, I wanted to be John Wayne, Sergeant York, and Audie Murphy all rolled into one," Kovic said. "I went to Vietnam to win the Medal of Honor or die trying."

Kovic's aspirations were cut short on Jan. 20, 1963 when a Vietcong bullet entered his right shoulder, passed through his right lung and severed his spinal cord. He was permanently paralyzed from his chest down.

"I was bitter about my injury," Kovic said, "but I have been even more embittered by the deplorable, unspeakable, degrading conditions of veterans hospitals

and the fact that men who have fought for the United States in Vietnam cannot get the basic, decent care they deserve."

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RE TAMPA NITEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 3, 1974 AND BUTEL TO
TAMPA, APRIL 8, 1974

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) PROTESTING SHOOTING
OF KSU STUDENT BY LOCAL POLICE, RAVENNA, OHIO, APRIL 12, 1974,
IS - VVAW; STAG.

ON APRIL 4, 1974, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED HE OBTAINED LEAFLET
DISTRIBUTED ON KSU CAMPUS THAT DATE ANNOUNCING MARCH AND
RALLY SPONSORED BY KSU VVAW. THIS ACTIVITY IS TO TAKE PLACE
AT PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RAVENNA, OHIO, APRIL 12, 1974,
STARTING AT 4:00 PM. NO FURTHER INFORMATION SHOWN.

ON APRIL 5, 1974, A SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
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APRIL 4, 1974, SPONSORED BY VVAW KSU. MEETING WAS AT 7:30
ON KSU CAMPUS AND ATTENDED BY 80 TO 100 PERSONS. PLANS WERE
MADE TO HOLD MARCH AND RALLY SPONSORED BY KSU VVAW. GROUP
IS TO MEET AT 3:30 PM AT EITHER RAVENNA PARK OR RAVENNA HIGH
SCHOOL AND MARCH TO PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE GUERILLA
THEATER AND RALLY WILL BE HELD. THIS ACTIVITY IS TO PROTEST
RECENT SHOOTING OF A KSU STUDENT DURING AND ARREST FOR A DRUG
VIOLATION BY A LOCAL OFFICER. INVESTIGATION BY A FEDERAL
GRAND JURY IS BEING CALLED FOR. PRESENT AT THIS MEETING
WAS [REDACTED], [REDACTED], KSU VVAW, BUT ACTIVISTS CROWD
APPEARED TO BE PREDOMINANTLY MEMBERS OF KSU CHAPTER OF ATTICA
BRIGADE (AB), AS IS [REDACTED].
[REDACTED], PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADVISED.
ADMINISTRATIVE

THIS MATTER BEING FOLLOWED BY CLEVELAND DIVISION.
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

[REDACTED] [C] [REDACTED]
SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABOVE IS [REDACTED].

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)

CHICAGO (100-50772)

MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM BUTTE (100-9147) (P) 1P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION VVAW/WSO. IS - VVAW/ WSO. OO CHICAGO.

REBUTEL TO BUTTE, APRIL 2, 1974.

ON APRIL 8, 1974 [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
4/11-15/74. IS.

ON APRIL 6, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

A GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) CAUCUS WAS HELD
AT [REDACTED] APRIL 6, 1974. ATTENDEES VOTED TO SEND
A FULL DELEGATION [REDACTED] TO THE
VVAV/WSO NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (NSC) MEETING, MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974. THE NSC MEETING WOULD INCLUDE
TEN WORKSHOPS AND EACH REPRESENTATIVE FROM GREAT PLAINS REGION

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was advised authority
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to travel. He advised this
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WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND TWO OR MAXIMUM OF THREE WORKSHOPS.
WORKSHOPS INCLUDED WILL BE: AMNESTY AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION;
MASS ORGANIZATION; SI ORGANIZING; OBJECTIVES OF VVAW/USO;
"WINTER SOLDIER"; PRISONS; IN PLANT ORGANIZING; NATIONAL
DEFENSE COMMITTEE.

DELEGATES FROM GREAT PLAINS REGION AGREED TO DEPART EARLY
APRIL 11, 1974, ENROUTE MILWAUKEE.

VVAW WAS FOUNDED IN THE SPRING 1967 BY YOUNG VIETNAM
VETERANS IN NEW YORK CITY. VVAW MEMBERS HAVE LED PUBLIC
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE. RE ^{b7D} [REDACTED] TELEPHONE CALL TO
MILWAUKEE 4/4/74; CHICAGO AIRTEL 3/19/74 CAPTIONED "VVAW/USO."

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN AMOUNT \$232.00
FOR EXPENSES ABOVE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU FOR SOURCE
FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES PER MONTH. BREAKDOWN OF ANTICIPATED
EXPENSES:

MILEAGE POA 11,800 MI. AT 12 CENTS A MILE -- 132.00
ROOM 5 DAYS AT 10.00 PER NITE -- 50.00. FOOD 5 DAYS AT 10.00
PER DAY -- 50.00. TOTAL \$232.00.

SOURCE REQUESTED BUREAU RESPOND TO REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION
BY 5 P.M. THIS DATE SO SOURCE CAN MAKE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

MILWAUKEE WILL FURNISH NAME OF AGENT AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER FOR SOURCE TO USE IN EVENT OF URGENT INFORMATION TO REPORT.

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b7D PER RE TELEPHONE CALL, MILWAUKEE ADVISED DESIRABILITY
OF SOURCE ATTENDING WORKSHOPS ON AMNESTY AND VETERANS ADMINI-
STRATION, OBJECTIVES OF WVAV/VSO AND/OR PRISONS.

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TO: SAC, [REDACTED]

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 4/10/74

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-54720)

SUBJECT: VETERANS ASSOCIATION - THE WAR/
WOUNDED SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAN/WSO)
IN

Enclosed are 12 copies each of VVAN/WSO Newsletters
#18 and #19 and 12 copies each of VVAN/WSO Chapter lists.
All of the above items were received
from the VVAN/WSO on April 4, 1974, and appropriate
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information.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
1 - Chicago

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 4/10/74

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-18902) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAN/WSO),
COLUMBUS, OHIO CHAPTER
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Re Cincinnati letter and LHM to Bureau, 9/27/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM, reflecting activities of the Columbus, Ohio Chapter of captioned organization. Two copies of an FD-376 are stapled to the LHM.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the office of origin, Chicago, for information.

One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to DIS, Cincinnati; 112th MI Group, Columbus, Ohio; and 5th District, OSI, WPAFB, Ohio, and U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio.

The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect the identities of the first, second and third confidential sources, identified as follows:

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Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed demonstration on 11/2/73.

LEADS:

CINCINNATI

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Will follow and report activities of VVAN/WSO, Columbus, Ohio Chapter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 10, 1974

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAN/WSO),
COLUMBUS, OHIO CHAPTER

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kellay
Clarence M. Kellay
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio

Enclosure(s)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cincinnati, Ohio
April 10, 1974

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RE: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO)
COLUMBUS, OHIO CHAPTER

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)

The VVAW was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. Since that time VVAW leaders have told members the VVAW is a revolutionary group, not "just another group of war veterans." Also, the membership has been told the VVAW has been asked to cooperate on an international level with many organizations, including communist and Maoist groups. Additionally, it was indicated that "anti-imperialist groups" consider the VVAW a potent organization of similar stature in the U.S. In April, 1973, the group changed their name to VVAW/WSO so that non-veterans could become members. Current VVAW/WSO national officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate their membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Student Organization
Ohio State University (OSU)
Columbus, Ohio

On January 28, 1974, Miss [REDACTED], Student Organizations Office, OSU, Columbus, Ohio, advised the

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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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(VVAW/WSO)
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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

VVAW/WSO on October 15, 1973, filed as a registered organization at OSU, listing as President, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Avenue, [REDACTED] Ohio, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], OSU.

B. Officers Ohio

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 7, 1974, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Ohio
are recognized as [REDACTED] of the VVAW/WSO, Columbus, Ohio Chapter. Ohio

C. Office

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 11, 1974, the VVAW/WSO, Columbus, Ohio Chapter, held an open house at its office, December 8, 1973, located at 255 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The office is a store front with rooms to do counseling and to hold meetings.

D. Membership

"The OSU Lantern," OSU student daily newspaper, issue of March 27, 1974, carried an article stating the VVAW/WSO Local Chapter, has an active membership of 25 and a mailing list of 200.

E. Meetings

The first confidential source advised on January 7, 1974, the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO, holds weekly meetings at its office, 255 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

F. Objectives

The first confidential source advised on December 20, 1973, the VVAW/WSO, Columbus, Ohio Chapter, has the following stated objectives:

1. Military Counseling

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2. Discharge Upgrading
3. Amnesty Program
4. Veteran Counseling
5. Prison Support

The first source advised on January 7, 1974, the principal objectives of the local chapter, VVAW/WSO, discussed at recent meetings were as follows:

1. To Stop All Aid To Indochina
2. To Support Amnesty for Deserters of the Vietnam War
3. Support the Movement to have President Nixon Impeached

II. ACTIVITIES

A. Demonstration

On November 2, 1973, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAs of the FBI) observed a group of 12 persons under the banner of the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO, in the audience of about 150 persons gathered at the Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, for an Impeach Nixon rally. No local VVAW/WSO representative spoke before the assembled audience.

B. Veterans Administration (VA) Confrontation

The "OSU Lantern" issue of November 15, 1973, contained an article reporting University Vietnam Veterans confronted a VA representative on campus, November 14, 1973.

Jerry Kosanovic, the President of the University Chapter of VVAW/WSO, alleged "lack of concern by the VA toward the Vietnam veteran," and presented demands for improved benefits from the VA.

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C. Fund Raising

On January 23, 1974, [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Cincinnati, Ohio Police Department, advised the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO, reportedly sponsored a showing of the film, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" over the weekend of January 12 and 13, 1974, on the OSU Campus, Columbus, Ohio, and netted the VVAW/WSO an amount of \$1900. b1c

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 29, 1974, the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO, recently made an \$1100 profit on a movie show at OSU, Columbus, Ohio.

On February 4, 1974, the third source advised the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO has scheduled a film showing "Mash", for Friday night, February 8, 1974, on the OSU Campus.

D. Counseling

The "OSU Lantern" issue of February 22, 1974, contained an article setting forth the local chapter, VVAW/WSO has counseled nine AWOL's (Absence Without Leave) since it opened its Headquarters at 255 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, in November, 1973.

E. Regional Meeting

The first confidential source advised on February 7, 1974, a Regional Meeting of the VVAW/WSO was held at Columbus, Ohio, on January 26, 27, 1974. Representatives were present from Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Kent, Ohio. Area reports focused on Prison Support, Military and Discharge Upgrading, Counseling, and Amnesty, and Support for Independent Truckers.

F. Appearance of Gary Lawton

The "OSU Lantern" issue of March 1, 1974, reported the appearance of Gary Lawton, Sr., at Hagerty Hall, OSU, Columbus, Ohio, on February 26, 1974.

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Lawton, a defendant preparing for a third trial for the murder of two Riverside, California Policemen, was sponsored by the VVAW/WSO and his tour of the Ohio area is the first time anyone involved in the so called "Riverside case" has spoken outside the Riverside area.

Lawton emphasized the importance of community organizations. Lawton stated "you have quite a few problems of your own in this community. But before any change can be affected, a group of people must care."

G. Support Independent Truckers

The first source advised on February 7, 1974, the Columbus, Ohio Chapter, VVAW/WSO has issued a leaflet in support of the independent truckers during their slowdown and strikes relating to the truckers' problems with the overall energy crisis.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSD) NATIONAL STERRING COMMITTEE MEETING, MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974; IS - VVAW/ WSO; OO: CHICAGO.

FIRST AND SECOND SOURCES, WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE
INFO IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE DELEGATES FOR CAPTIONED
MEETING STARTED ARRIVING INSTANT DATE. MEETING SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY CENTER, 1437 N. 24TH ST
MILWAUKEE, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, SATURDAY, APRIL 13,
AND SUNDAY, APRIL 14, NEXT. MEETING EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE
SUNDAY EVENING; HOWEVER, DELEGATES MAY POSSIBLY STAY OVER
AND LEAVE MONDAY, APRIL 15, NEXT. MEETING EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE
DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND, AND NO CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OR
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THIRD SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED APRIL 10, LAST, UPON REGISTRATION, DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE REGISTRATION CARD, AND IF REGISTRATIDN CARD CONTAINS GREEN MARK, THIS INDICATES PERSON IS A SECURITY RISK; IF REGISTRATION CARD CONTAINS BLACK MARK, PERSON IS CONSIDERED "OK."

ADMINISTRATIVE:

FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

THIRD SDURCE IS [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED], SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD, HMIPD, HAS BEEN APPRISED OF ABOVE MEETING, INSTANT DATE.

AS BUREAU IS AWARE, RECEIVING OFFICES HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO HAVE SOURCES TO ATTEND ABOVE MEETING. SOURCES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT MILWAUKEE OFFICE ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INFO OF AN URGENT NATURE AND UNDER SECURE CONDITIONS. THEREFORE, MILWAUKEE WIL ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES OF ANY SUCH INFO RECEIVED.

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RECEIVING OFFICES, UPON DEBRIEFING SOURCES, SUTEL
SUMMARY TO BUREAU, CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE, AND FOLLOW WITH
DETAILED FD306 TO MILWAUKEE, UACB.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) PROTESTING SHOOTING
OF KSU STUDENT BY LOCAL POLICE, RAVENNA, OHIO, APRIL 12
IS - VVAW; STAG.

RE CLEVELAND NITEL APRIL 5, 1974 UNDER ABOVE CAPTION.

BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT BY AIRTEL DATED APRIL 4, 1974, CLEVELAND SUBMITTED LHM UNDER CAPTION OF [REDACTED] AGENT, MAHONING, ASHTABULA, AND TRUMBULL CNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY, RAVENNA, OHIO; GARY SHERMAN (DECEASED) - VICTIM, OO: CLEVELAND. THE INCIDENT SET FORTH IN THIS LHM IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE VVAW DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT RAVENNA, OHIO ON APRIL 12, 1974. CLEVELAND WILL FOLLOW CAPTIONED MATTER AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)

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FROM [REDACTED] (P)

VVAW/WSO, IS - VVAW, DD: CHICAGO.

RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 19, 1974.

MARCH 26, 1974, [REDACTED] WILLING TO TRAVEL

TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11 - 15, 1974, TO ATTEND
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (NSC) MEETING. SOURCE FEELS

SOURCE ADVISED WOULD REQUIRE [REDACTED]

AND OTHER EXPENSES. [REDACTED]

QUE TO [REDACTED] REQUESTED BE ADVISED BY APRIL

15, 1974, IF TO MAKE THIS TRIP

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE [REDACTED] EXPENDITURE AND

ATTENDANCE OF [REDACTED]

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER

ORGANIZATION (VVAV/WSO) NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
(NSCM), MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974; IS - VVAV/WSO.
RETELS CAPTIONED VVAV/WSO; IS - VVAV, DATED MARCH 28, 29,
1974.

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO PAY [REDACTED] \$440 FOR EXPENSES AND

INSURE EXACT ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES.
MILWAUKEE [REDACTED] OF MEANS BY WHICH INFORMANT CAN CONTACT
THE HANDLING AGENT OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE. UPON NOTIFICATION
[REDACTED] SHOULD INSTRUCT INFORMANT TO CONTACT THE HANDLINE AGENT
OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING DIRECTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACTIVITIES AT CAPTIONED MEETING. CONTACT,
OF COURSE, SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH INFORMANT SECURITY.

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RE [redacted] NITEL, MRACH 28, 1974.

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27, 1974. [redacted]

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[redacted] DEPNOS CIRCUMSTANCES NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING.

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The forthcoming National Steering Committee Meeting in Milwaukee could well define the direction of the VVAV/WSP in the future. Numerous workshops will be held and broad informant coverage is desirable.

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2. ANTI-BASE ACTIVITIES, VVAN NEWSPAPER, WINTER SOLDIER,

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3. N/A

4. 4 APR 74

5. LOCKBOURNE AFB, OHIO, 4 APR 74

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13. SA [REDACTED] b7c, AFOSI DET 0503, LOCKBOURNE AFB,
OHIO

14. [REDACTED] b7c, COLONEL, USAF, COMMANDER

15. DETAILS:

A. ON 4 APR 74, SA [REDACTED] b7c, AFOSI DET 0503,
LOCKBOURNE AFB (LAFB) WAS HANDED A COPY OF THE MAR 74 ISSUE
OF WINTER SOLDIER, VOL 4, ISSUE 3, AS HE APPROACHED THE LAFB
MAIN GATE IN HIS AUTO AT ABOUT 0730 HOURS, FOUR MALES AND
TWO FEMALES, ALL YOUNG, AND CAUCASIAN, WERE DISTRIBUTING THE
PAPER TO PERSONS APPROACHING THE GATE. (A-12 (SA [REDACTED]) b7c

B. REVIEW OF THIS WINTER SOLDIER REVEALS ANTI-PRESIDENT
NIXON, WOMEN'S LIB, DISCHARGE UPGRADING, INDOCHINA AND OTHER
ARTICLES RECURRENT IN PAST ISSUES, NOT RELATED TO THE
MILITARY. RELATED TO THE USAF WERE TWO ARTICLES RE: SGT
DAN PRUITT COURT-MARTIALED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR REFUSING
TO CUT HIS HAIR; AND, A1C CHARLES BEAMAN FACING COURT-MARTIAL
AT ENT AFB, CO, RESULTING FROM AN INCIDENT WITH SECURITY
POLICE, WHICH WINTER SOLDIER DESCRIBES AS RACIAL IN NATURE.

(F-6) (SA [REDACTED]) b7c

C. ON 4 APR 74, AFOSI SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVED THE SIX

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INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE, AS WELL AS AN AUTOMOBILE PARKED
NEARBY, BEARING 1973 OHIO LICENSE E-5485, SUBSEQUENTLY
DETERMINED TO BE REGISTERED TO [REDACTED],
STREET, [REDACTED], OH (A-2) (SA [REDACTED])

D. ON 18 APR 74, FBI SA [REDACTED], COLUMBUS, OHIO,
ADVISED THAT FBI CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES HAD PREVIOUSLY
IDENTIFIED [REDACTED], A YOUNG CAUCASIAN FEMALE,
AS BEING ACTIVE IN THE VVAV/USO IN COLUMBUS OHIO.

(A-6) (SA [REDACTED])

E. ON 18 APR 74, LT [REDACTED] COLUMBUS, OH POLICE
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION THAT
VVAV/USO HAD ANY ANTI-LAFB INTENTIONS. (B-2) (SA [REDACTED])
COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICIAL: LAFB OFFICIALS ARE
AWARE OF THIS WINTER SOLDIER DISTRIBUTION. THIS IS THE
FIFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLICATION
AT THE LAFB MAIN GATE (SEE IIR 1 629 0012 74). THIS ISSUE
CONTAINED NO ARTICLES REGARDING LAFB, NOR WAS IT ACCOMPANIED
BY ANY LOCAL VVAV/USO PUBLICATION. IT IS NOTED THAT WINTER
SOLDIER DISTRIBUTIONS AT LAFB ARE GENERALLY BETWEEN THE 15TH
AND 19TH OF A MONTH, AND HAVE BEEN DATED THE PREVIOUS MONTH

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(E.G. DEC 74 ISSUE DISTRIBUTED 15 JAN 74). THIS COULD INDICATE THE LOCAL VVAW/WSO IS MORE ACTIVE, OR MERELY THAT THE NATIONAL PAPER WAS DISTRIBUTED MORE RAPIDLY FORCES AT LAFB REMAIN A POTENTIAL TARGET FOR ANTI-MILITARY GROUPS. THE SGT PRUITT AND AIC BEAMAN ARTICLES WILL BE OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO LAFB MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO MAY FEEL THAT USAF HAIRCUT REQUIREMENTS ARE TOO STRINGENT, OR THAT RACIAL PROBLEMS EXIST. THERE IS NO KNOWN REACTION TO THIS WINTER SOLDIER

AT LAFB, NOR HAS THERE BEEN TO ANY PREVIOUS ISSUES.

16. CONDR, LOCKBOURNE AFB, OHIO 1

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

(ATTN: INTD)

CHICAGO (100-50772)

FROM [REDACTED] (P) 2P

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SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, VVAW/WSO, IS

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED MARCH 19, 1974.

REFERENCED AIRTEL REQUESTS ALL OFFICES TO REQUEST BUREAU'S
APPROVAL FOR SOURCES TO ATTEND VVAW/WSO NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING, MILWAUKEE, APRIL 11-15, 1974.

ON APRIL 4, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK REGIONAL COORDINATOR TO ATTEND
NSCM.

BUREAU APPROVAL REQUESTED FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANTICIPATES EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 FOR
TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, MEALS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE
INCURRED BY SOURCE.

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[REDACTED] WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES
REGARDING ANTICIPATED SELECTION OF [REDACTED] TO ATTEND NSCM.
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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WBO); NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM); MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; APRIL 11 - 15, 1974

RE: TEL CAPTIONED "VVAW/WBO; IS" DATED APRIL 5, 1974.

b2 b7D BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, TO ATTEND CAPTIONED MEETING. ADDITIONALLY AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO ADVANCE SOURCE AN ADDITIONAL \$100 ABOVE REGULARLY AUTHORIZED EXPENSES TO COVER UNUSUAL EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF SUCH TRAVEL. INSURE EXACT ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES.

MILWAUKEE ADVISE [REDACTED] MEANS BY WHICH INFORMANT CAN CONTACT THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE IN THE EVENT A SITUATION OF AN URGENT NATURE OCCURS AT RECK.

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NATIONAL STRIKE COMMITTEE MEETING

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

APRIL 11 - 15, 1974

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[REDACTED] Source is currently paid
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] actually incurred.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND

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VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW), PROTESTING SHOOTING OF KSU
STUDENT BY LOCAL POLICE, RAVENNA, OHIO, APRIL 12, 1974, IS-VVAW;
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CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION OBSERVED BY BUAGENTS. CROWD OF
ABOUT 250 PERSONS ASSEMBLED AT RAVENNA CITY PARK, RAVENNA, OHIO,
AT 3:45 PM. CROWD MARCHED TO RAVENNA COURTHOUSE ARRIVING 4:10 PM.
TWO PERSONS REPRESENTING KSU STUDENT UNION SPOKE AS DID JANE
BRATNOR OF KSU, ATTICA BRIGADE, AND JEFF BEUTLER OF KSU VVAW.
SPEECHES WERE CONFINED TO REMOVING MULTI-COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY OUT OF AREA AS WELL AS GETTING FGJ INVESTIGATION OF GARY
SHERMAN, SHOT BY AGENT OF THIS AGENCY.

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AFTER BRIFF GUERRILLA THEATER PRESENTATION, CROWD DISBANDED
4:50 PM. RALLY WAS PEACEFUL WITH NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

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SA'S OF FBI OBSERVING THIS DEMONSTRATION WERE [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

AS MARCH AND RALLY CONCLUDED PEACEFULLY WITH NO INCIDENTS
OR ARRESTS, NO LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU .
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4:44 AM SENT FOR PM NITEL APR 16 1974 PJT

TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092) TELETYPE

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CHICAGO (100-50772)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (100-15674) (P) 2P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO) NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974; IS - VVAW/WSO; OO: CHICAGO.

FIRST SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:
DID NOT CONCLUDE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14, LAST, AS PREVIOUSLY
INDICATED, BUT CONTINUED ON INTO MONDAY, APRIL 15, LAST.

SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE, NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
CONTINUED ON INTO MONDAY, APRIL 15, LAST, AND CONCLUDED
AT APPROXIMATELY 7 P.M., APRIL 15, WITH SOME DELEGATES
DEPARTING MILWAUKEE AFTER CONCLUSION OF MEETING WHILE OTHER
DELEGATES WILL DEPART MILWAUKEE INSTANT DATE.

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REMINITEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 14, LAST.

FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED] b2 b7D

SECOND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, UPON RECEIPT OF INFO FROM
OTHER OFFICES, MILWAUKEE WILL SUBMIT APPROPRIATE LHM.

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8:40PM NITEL 3-29-74 RWR

TO DIRECTOR (100-448092) [REDACTED] (ATTN: INTD)
MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM [REDACTED] (P) 2P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO). IS. (OO: [REDACTED])
10613-S. SM - VVAW/WSO.

ON MARCH 29, 1974, [REDACTED] RELIABLE, WHO IS CONSIDERED

b7D A VVAW/WSO [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

ATTEND FORTHCOMING VVAW/WSO NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING (NSCM), MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR SECURITY REASONS SOURCE WILL NOT CONTACT MILWAUKEE
FBI OFFICE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE WILL BE
THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED FOLLOWING EXPENSES ARE PROJECTED TO BE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES AT NSCM:

61D
SIX^X DOLLARS REGISTRATION FEE. ALTHOUGH VVAW/WSO CLAIMS SIX DOLLARS COVERS MEALS AND LOGGING, SOURCE WILL NEED \$25.00 FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STRICT ACCOUNTING OF SOURCE'S INCURRED EXPENSES WILL BE OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN TO [REDACTED]

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR SOURCE TO ATTEND NSCM AND ALSO FOR ADVANCE TO SOURCE OF \$35.00 FOR EXPENSES. SOURCE'S ATTENDANCE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE NSCM, WHERE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS AFFECTING FUTURE COURSE OF VVAW/WSO ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE. ATTENDANCE WILL ALSO ENHANCE SOURCE'S POSITION IN VVAW/WSO.

IF BUREAU APPROVAL GRANTED, MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO FURNISH [REDACTED] WITH NAME OF CONTACT AGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL NUMBER FOR USE IN EVENT SITUATION OF URGENT NATURE OCCURS AT NSCM.

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To: SACs, [REDACTED] b7D
Milwaukee

4/3/74

From: Director, FBI

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM)
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
APRIL 11 - 15, 1974
IS - VVAW/WSO

ReCGtel dated 3/29/74.

Authority is granted to pay [REDACTED] \$35 to cover expenses in conjunction with his attendance at captioned meeting.

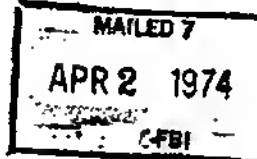
[REDACTED]
at captioned meeting and source should take every advantage to capitalize on this strong position.

Milwaukee should furnish [REDACTED] means of contact with informant in the event a situation of an urgent nature occurs at NSCM.

1 - [REDACTED] (6221 IB)

1 - [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

The forthcoming National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM) in Milwaukee could well define the direction of VVAW/WSO in the future. [REDACTED] will attend captioned meeting as a [REDACTED]

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Amount of \$35 is to cover registration fee, meals

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Airtel to [REDACTED] and Milwaukee
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 11 - 15, 1974

NOTE CONTINUED:

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b7D and lodging, as well as social expenses [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Source is currently
paid up to \$700 per month for services.
[REDACTED]

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6:01 PM NITEL APRIL 11, 1974 MAC

TO: DIRECTOR
CHICAGO

FROM: [REDACTED] 2P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW), IS - REVACT

ON APRIL 11, 1974, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC)
WHO STATED HE IS A NATIONAL OFFICER OF THE VVAW CALLING FROM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AT PAST VVAW CONFERENCE
AT YELLOW SPRINGS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT PERSONS UP FOR RE-ELECTION
WOULD HAVE TO SPEND TIME IN NATIONAL OFFICES AND THAT THE

[REDACTED] OFFICE AT [REDACTED] HAS
BEEN SELECTED FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT HE
WOULD BE WELCOME AFTER MAY 1, 1974, NOT SOONER, INASMUCH AS
SOURCE IS IN PROCESS OF MOVING. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT
"THE COMMITTEE" AND ADVISE SOURCE IF HE WERE COMING.

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[REDACTED]
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CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WILL FURNISH [REDACTED] ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING ANTICIPATED VISIT BY
NATIONAL OFFICER AND BACKGROUND REGARDING [REDACTED] b7c

END.

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FBI

Date: 4/12/74

Transmit the following in _____

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Via **AIRTEL** _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED] b7D

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)

IS

OO: [REDACTED] b7D

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SM - VVAW/WSO b7D

OO: [REDACTED] b7C

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Re [REDACTED] teletype to Bureau dated 4/11/74 and
captioned "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR."Enclosed herewith for [REDACTED] is one photograph
of [REDACTED] b7DReferenced communication set forth information that
[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the [REDACTED] VVAW/WSO Office, [REDACTED] and stated various
VVAW/WSO National Coordinators would visit some VVAW/WSO
Regional Offices in the future. 100-448092-3623

1 - Bureau (RM)

2 - [REDACTED] (Enc. 1) (RM)

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(1 - 100- [REDACTED])

3 - [REDACTED]

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On 4/11/74 [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with various phases of National VVAW/WSO activity, was contacted and furnished the following information:

To date very limited discussion has occurred regarding the above-contemplated travel. Various VVAW/WSO National Coordinators have stated in the past that several VVAW/WSO Regions have not participated in VVAW/WSO programs to the fullest and are considered regions of "low level" activity. Source speculates that [REDACTED] may visit various VVAW/WSO Regional Offices after the VVAW/WSO National Steering Committee Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 4/11-15/74 is concluded for purposes of inspecting the offices and attempting to develop renewed interest in VVAW/WSO programs. To date plans regarding this type of travel have not been finalized. b7C

b7D
For information of the [REDACTED] Office, [REDACTED] is the Number One National Coordinator of the VVAW/WSO and is described as follows: b7C

Name	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED] pounds
Eyes	Green
Hair	Brown (wears mustache and small beard)
SSN	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED] Illinois

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b7D [REDACTED] continues to follow and will advise [REDACTED] of pertinent details regarding possible travel of [REDACTED] and/or other VVAW/WSO National Coordinators.

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11:15PMTVCKNITEL APRIL 14, 1974 TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)

ATTN: INTO

CHICAGO (100-50772)

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FROM: MILWA

MILWAUKEE (100-15674) (P) 2 PAGES

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE, MILWAUKEE, WIS., APRIL 11-15, 1974,
IS-VVAW/WSO. OO: CHICAGO.

FIRST AND SECOND SOURCES WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN PAST ADVISED CAPTIONED MEETING COMMENCED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11,
LAST AND OFFICIALLY ENDED INSTANT DATE, HOWEVER MOST DELEGATES WILL
DEPART MONDAY, APRIL 15, NEXT AND A FEW RAP SESSIONS MAY BE
HELD A.M. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. IT WAS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 60-70
PEOPLE ATTENDED.

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A MAJORITY OF CAPTIONED MEETING TOOK PLACE REGARDING AIMS AND
OBJECTIONS. IT APPEARS VVAW WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ANTIWAR
ISSUES AS WELL AS TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND
CAPITALISM. THEY WANT TO ESTABLISH EQUALITY BETWEEN SEXES AS WELL
AS EQUALITY FOR ALL MINORITY GROUPS INCLUDING GAY PEOPLE. VVAW
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WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AMNESTY, PRISON PROGRAMS, DISCHARGE UPGRADING VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ISSUES AS WELL AS OTHER EXISTING PROGRAMS.

DISCUSSION INDICATES VVAW WILL MERGE FOR ONE YEAR TRIAL PERIOD WITH THE NATIONAL UNITARIAN ORGANIZATION OF CHURCHES (NUOC) WHICH WILL PROVIDE FUNDING AND POLITICAL SUPPORT IN FIGHT FOR AMNESTY, DISCHARGE UPGRADING AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ISSUES. MASS DEMONSTRATION BEING SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON D.C. OVER JULY 4, 1974 BY VVAW AND NUOC ALONG WITH OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS. ALSO DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE FOR SUPPORTING REGIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS RE AMNESTY FOR MAY 17-18, 1974. IT APPEARS MOST OF VVAW NATIONWIDE WILL ^{BE} DIRECTED TOWARD MASS DEMONSTRATION OVER JULY 4, 1974.

ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AND [REDACTED] (DHID) AND [REDACTED] (ILL) WERE ELECTED AND WILL REPLACE [REDACTED] (LNU) (CALIF) AND ANOTHER PERSON, NAME UNKNOWN. b7C
9H10

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE: MI NITEL TO DIRECTOR 4/11/74 (NO COPY TO WFO). FIRST SOURCE- [REDACTED] SECOND SOURCE [REDACTED] b2
b7D MILWAUKEE FOLLOWING AND UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM OTHER OFFICES WILL SUBMIT APPROPRIATE LHM.

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SAC, New York (105-106707)

4/15/74

Director, FBI (105-106700-34)

REVOLUTIONARY UNION

RE
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OO: Chicago

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

Enclosed for New York and Chicago is one copy each of a typewritten report reporting a "first national meeting on vets' work," reported as scheduled 2/21/74 in New York, together with an attachment.

The enclosed document and attachment were furnished to FBIHQ by former Special Agent [redacted] (general), Investigator, House Committee on Internal Security (HUIS), on 2/21/74. [redacted] advised this document and its attachment had been furnished to HUIS by a source, the known reliability of whom he was certain, that the document that the regional meeting in New York on 2/21/74 was that of the Revolutionary Union and not the Viet Nam Veterans Against the War. The document was for the objective the discussion of NY work with various organizations, including the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Winter Soldier Organization.

Above is furnished for the information and background of New York and Chicago. NY has no information which would verify that a national meeting of the NY work place in New York City on 2/21/74.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Chicago (100-57300) (Enclosure-2)

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Since this will be the first regional meeting on Vets' work, we want to spend considerable time on reports from the different areas and discussion of the reports. Obviously, one of the things we can get from this meeting is an exchange of information and understanding of what the problems are overall. At the same time, it should be an opportunity to clarify what different lines exist. These lines can be struggled out at a later national meeting and one organizational line developed. In writing reports, comrades should give their political analysis, touching on the following questions:

1. What has been going on in your area - ongoing mass work, spontaneous struggles, other organizations, problems?
2. What are main mass demands of vets (GI) in your area?
3. What has been the role of Third World vets (GI) in your area? Should building multinational unity be a main focus at this time?
4. How do you see the role of VVAW/USO? Specific criticisms, direction it should be moving?
5. How do you see the role of the vets' (GI) movement within the overall struggle for revolution? Relationship to the workers' movement?

Reports should be written and xeroxed.

The next item on the agenda would be VVAW/USO, as the only national organization dealing with veterans' issues. In general, the VVAW/USO line is not to build the mass veterans' movement, though good work is being done in some places. Discussion should focus on our work with VVAW/USO and on developing guidelines for the future. In general, this will be a report in depth discussion of issues raised under question 4. above. Specifically we also want to discuss the national action which VVAW/USO is planning for the spring in Washington around three demands: 1. Universal and unconditional Amnesty for all War Resisters; 2. Single-Type Discharge for all Vets; 3. US really out of Indochina. We propose that the organization support this action as a priority, using it as a means of building organizational ties with VVAW/USO and building the mass veterans' movement. We should discuss whether the proposed 3-point program is adequate and how to build for the action.

Finally, if we have time, we could also discuss the role of vets in working class work. What are the issues affecting vets in particular, should there be separate organizational forms, and what should be the goals if such forms are tried?

Included with this agenda as background reading are the original paper which has formed the basis of our work with VVAW/USO ("Strengthen the Struggle", spring '73), as well as an analysis by a Comintern member on the veterans' movement in the US (1934).

We in NY have discussed the fact that this proposed agenda is still quite abstract. We have not tried to lay out our analysis in detail as the basis of the agenda, primarily because we don't know whether this would adequately reflect what's happening in other areas. This means that in order to get a clear idea of line and shed some light on the road ahead, we will all have to concentrate on bringing out the political lines in reports and discussion and not get bogged down in empiricism.

So look forward to a good meeting!

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possible way to the masses the lessons of the Washington pogrom of July 26, the Party must expose the class policy of the Government, of the Republican, Democratic, and Socialist parties, must show by the example of the Washington shooting, the futility of the reformist methods of struggle and the collapse of the parliamentary and patriotic illusions which are supported by the bourgeois leaders of the movement. The Communist Party must also widely utilise the Washington attack on the ex-soldiers of the imperialist war for the anti-war campaign of the Party, demonstrating by this example the imperialist class character of every war waged by the bourgeois state and explaining to the soldiers and sailors the true attitude of the bourgeois fatherland, which they are called upon to defend, to them.

The task of the Party consists of continuing to link up concretely the demand of the veterans for the bonus with the demand for social insurance. The Party must organise meetings and demonstrations of the trade unions, unemployed committees and other mass organisations to support the veterans' demands, organised joint demonstrations of veterans and unemployed workers, etc. A special task of the Party consists in utilising the Washington lessons for the work among the Negroes, stressing the united struggle

of the white and Negro veterans in Washington under the leadership of the Communists, including the Negro leaders of the American Communist Party. The veterans' demand for the payment of the bonus must be made into an important demand of its election platform by the Communist Party. The Communists working in the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League must continue their energetic work of recruiting veterans into the League, seeking at the same time to broaden the organisational basis of the League, transforming it from a League of workers-veterans into a mass fighting organisation of all ex-servicemen connected with the international organisation of ex-servicemen (I.A.C.). At the present time, the Party must do everything possible to utilise the return of the veterans for propaganda throughout the country, building permanent committees of veterans in the different cities and States with a national centre of the movement. Finally, the Party must utilise the political lessons of the Washington march of the veterans for the organisation of a united powerful hunger march of the unemployed workers and former soldiers upon Washington at the end of this year. The task has already been set by the Party; the lessons of the Washington events will help the party transform this march into a powerful movement of the broadest masses under the leadership of the working class.

PARTY STRUCTURE EXPERIENCE

"PARTISANBEITER," AUGUST, 1931

THE August issue of "Partisanbeiter," the organ of the organisation department of the Central Committee of the C.P.G., is devoted to the work of the party in the trade unions. In an editorial, dealing with this question, the organisation department of the C.C. of the C.P. of Germany begins with the question: Why was there no general strike on July 20?

The reply to this question is as follows:—

"Because we have not yet appreciated the necessity of consolidation in the factories and trade unions," because "the decision in favour of a determined turn in this direction, adopted by the Party and by the revolutionary Trade Union Opposition last January, is being carried out very unsatisfactorily."

In proof of this contention, the editorial refers to reports delivered by Berlin worker correspondents at the enlarged meeting of the Editorial Board of the "Rote Fahne." A comrade from the Siemens-Werner factory stated that he, to-

gether with the other factory activists, awaited a call to action.

Another comrade from the General Electric Co. (Brunnenstrasse) reported that general sentiment in the factory were definitely in favour of the Communists, and, that had a strike been called, everybody would have responded to it, including the national-socialists. The movement, in the opinion of this comrade, was disrupted by reformist factory committee members, who refused to do anything without instructions from their leaders.

A comrade from the Oerum factory stated:

"The majority of the workers do not trusts any party. The same applies to the Communists about whom the workers say: 'They talk but do nothing.'"

The conclusion drawn by the comrade was: "The Communists must provide a personal example even at the price of costly sacrifices, to earn the confidence of the workers."

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To: ☒ Director, FBI
Attn: (Bufile 100-448092)

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Title VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
IS
OO: CHICAGO (100-50772)

RE: Albany airtel to Bureau,
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Attached for Buffalo are 2 copies of referenced
airtel which is of interest to your office;
however, through oversight it was not directed
to your attention.

①-Bureau (RM)
1-Chicago (RM)
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1-Buffalo (Encs. 2) (RM)

SAC *ywb*
JOHN W. BURNS
Office Albany
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 4/17/74

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FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-22519) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
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(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/29/74.

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A review of Albany indices negative re [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Albany indices reveal [REDACTED], name
mentioned in Albany file 100-22519 entitled "VIETNAM
VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR". During VVAW meeting held
12/8 through 9, 1973, Michigan registration KCR169 on
a blue and white VW van was observed at the above VVAW
meeting. This vehicle registered to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Michigan, on a 1968 VW. Detroit
indices negative re [REDACTED]

Recontact with sources at Oneonta, New York
has failed to reveal any further identifying data on
[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

CHICAGO (100-50772)

MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM [REDACTED] (P) b7D

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO). IS - VVAW/WSO. OO:CG.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL MARCH 19, 1974.

ON APRIL 3, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WILL BE ATTENDING
THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM) AT MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN ON APRIL 11-15, 1974, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT PRESENT SOURCE IS NOT AWARE WHO ELSE WILL BE
ATTENDING NSCM FROM [REDACTED]

SOURCE PLANS TO LEAVE [REDACTED]

AND EXPECTS TO [REDACTED]

ON APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE,

WISCONSIN TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES OF NSCM. AN ADVANCE

OF \$397 IS REQUESTED, INCLUDING \$247 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND \$150 FOR EXPENSES. UPON RETURN SOURCE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY

DEBRIEFED AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO ALL INTERESTED OFFICES.

STRICT ACCOUNTING WILL BE MADE OF EXACT EXPENSES INCURRED BY

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SOURCE.

IF AUTHORITY FOR TRAVEL IS GRANTED, MILWAUKEE IS REQUESTED
TO FURNISH [REDACTED] NAME OF AGENT TO BE CONTACTED AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER TO BE UTILIZED BY SOURCE IN EVENT CONTACT
IS NECESSARY.

SOURCE USES CODE NAME [REDACTED] b2
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b7D [REDACTED] WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE OF ANY FURTHER PERTINENT
INFORMATION.

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TO: SACS, [REDACTED]

CHICAGO
MILWAUKEE

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

APRIL 8, 1974

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZA-
TION (VVAW/WSO); NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM);
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; APRIL 11 - 15, 1974; IS - VVAW/WSO

RE: TEL CAPTIONED "VVAW/WSO; IS - VVAW/WSO" DATED
APRIL 3, 1974, AND BULET CAPTIONED [REDACTED] SM - VVAW"
DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1974.

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, TO ATTEND CAPTIONED MEETING. HOWEVER, WITH REGARD
TO YOUR REQUEST TO PAY SOURCE \$397 FOR EXPENSES, IT IS DREMED
THAT THIS AMOUNT IS EXCESSIVE [REDACTED] CURRENTLY
AUTHORIZED TO PAY SOURCE UP TO \$400 PER MONTH FOR EXPENSES.
ACCORDINGLY, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO ADVANCE SOURCE \$200 TO
COVER EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT
CAPTIONED MEETING. ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSE INCURRED BY SOURCE
SHOULD BE COVERED BY REGULAR AUTHORIZATION. INSURE EXACT
ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES.

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TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] AL
RE: VVAW/WSO
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
APRIL 11 - 15, 1974

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MILWAUKEE ADVISE [REDACTED] MEANS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANT
IN THE EVENT A SITUATION OF AN URGENT NATURE OCCURS AT NSCM.

NOTE:

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The forthcoming National Steering Committee Meeting in Milwaukee could well define the direction of VVAW/WSO in the future. Numerous workshops and factionalism makes widespread informant coverage desirable. Informant will represent [REDACTED] Chapter at NSCM. He has been a most valuable source having widespread contacts in VVAW/WSO in the State of [REDACTED]. His attendance puts him in a position to make an astute evaluation of the overall VVAW/WSO which is split by Maoist vs. Stalinist as well as uncommitted factions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is paid up to \$50 per month for services and up to \$400 per month for expenses. [REDACTED] \$247 for transportation and \$150 for expenses. This is excessive and \$200 is sufficient. Supervisor [REDACTED], 4/15/74, advised source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They will leave on the afternoon of [REDACTED] and return about [REDACTED]. This is the [REDACTED] informant to attend captioned meeting.

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I - [REDACTED] URGENT

1 - [REDACTED]

TO: SACS, [REDACTED]
CHICAGO
MILWAUKEE

APRIL 8, 1974

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZA-
TION (VVAW/WSO); NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM);
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; APRIL 11 - 15, 1974; IS - VVAW/WSO
RE TEL CAPTIONED "VVAW/WSO; IS" DATED APRIL 4, 1974,
AND BULET CAPTIONED [REDACTED] SM - VVAW/WSO" DATED
FEBRUARY 26, 1974.

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, TO ATTEND CAPTIONED MEETING. AUTHORITY, HOWEVER,
IS DENIED TO ADVANCE INTERMEDIATE [REDACTED]

REFERENCED
BUREAU LETTER AUTHORIZED PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF UP TO \$250

ACCORD-
INGLY, \$18 (20 PERCENT) IS SUFFICIENT

THE PAYMENT OF \$15 PER DAY FOR SEVEN DAYS TO COVER

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TELETYPE TO [REDACTED]; ET AL
RE: VVAW/WSO
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
APRIL 11 - 15, 1974

EXPENSES IS ALSO EXCESSIVE AND IS REDUCED TO \$11 PER DAY
OR \$77. THE REQUEST FOR \$30 IN TRAVEL EXPENSES IS JUSTIFIED. U

ACCORDINGLY, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO PAY SOURCE \$125
IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH TRAVEL. INSURE EXACT ACCOUNTING
OF EXPENSES. U b7D

MILWAUKEE ADVISE [REDACTED] OF MEANS OF CONTACT WITH
INFORMANT IN THE EVENT A SITUATION OF AN URGENT NATURE
OCCURS AT NSCM. U

NOTE:

b7D This informant has been directed against the office
of VVAW/WSO Region in [REDACTED] and has succeeded
in establishing sufficient stature to be a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is desirable source attend
and to not attend would reduce source's standing in VVAW/WSO.
The requested amount of \$225 by [REDACTED] is excessive; however,
the authorized amount of \$125 is justified. Source is paid
up to \$250 per month for services and up to \$50 per month for
expenses and has cooperated with the Bureau since [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This is the [REDACTED] informant to attend captioned
meeting. U

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6:34 PM NITEL APRIL 4, 1974 MAV
TO DIRECTOR (100-448092) **TELETYPE**

CHICAGO (100-50772)

MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM [REDACTED] 2P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO), IS, OO: CG

RE CG NITEL, MARCH 19, 1974. U

AT REGIONAL CONVENTION VVAW/WSO, BOULDER, COLORADO,
MARCH 30-31, 1974, [REDACTED] SELECTED TO
ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD MILWAUKEE APRIL 11-15,
1974, [REDACTED] REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO SEND SOURCE, WHO ATTENDED
LAST NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY, AND TO PAY
SOURCES EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. U

IT APPEARS GROUP WILL [REDACTED] AND SOURCES
[REDACTED] EXPENSES ESTIMATED AT \$30. LIVING EXPENSES
DURING TRIP AND AT MILWAUKEE ESTIMATED AT \$15 PER DAY FOR
7 DAYS TO TOTAL \$105. SOURCE CURRENTLY [REDACTED]

TOTAL EXPENSES

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ESTIMATED AT \$225. EXACT ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES WILL BE
OBTAINED AND INFORMANT PROMPTLY DEBRIEFED UPON RETURN,

IDENTITIES OF PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND NATIONAL
CONVENTION ARE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALL [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] (LNU), BOTH COLORADO SPRINGS. [REDACTED] WILL
BE [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] BOTH FROM [REDACTED] u
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TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)

CHICAGO (100-50772)

MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM:

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NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM) VVAV/WSO,

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974. IS - VVAV/WSO.

OO: CHICAGO.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE, APRIL 11, 1974. U

SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST ADVISED ON APRIL 19, 1974, THAT THE SCHEDULED
TO ATTEND THE NSCM FROM THE COLORADO-WYOMING-UTAH REGION OID
ATTEND. ALL SESSIONS WERE HELD AT MICHAELS COMMUNITY CENTER,
1437 NORTH 24TH STREET, MILWAUKEE WITH REGISTRATION TAKING PLACE
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974. AN OPENING STATEMENT WAS GIVEN
THURSDAY EVENING FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT AND BEER PROVIDED BY
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER MEMBERS. SESSIONS ON APRIL 12-15, RAN FROM
9:00AM TO APPROXIMATELY 9:00PM DAILY WITH MEALS SERVED AT THE
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CENTER. DELEGATES TO THE NSCM MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO STAY WITH FRIENDS AND MEMBERS C MILWAUKEE. U

SOURCE BELIEVES APPROXIMATELY 80 WERE IN ATTENDANCE AND PROVIDED A [REDACTED] U

b7c ON APRIL 12, 1974, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL REPORTS WERE GIVEN, NATIONAL OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AND SOME WORKSHOPS WERE HELD. [REDACTED] WAS RE-ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICE, [REDACTED] WAS NEWLY ELECTED AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT BARRY ROMO, WHOSE NATIONAL OFFICE TERM IS OVER IS RETURNING TO RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. WORKSHOPS WERE THE MAIN ORDER OF BUSINESS APRIL 13 AND WORKSHOPS AND WORKSHOPS REPORTS TOOK UP APRIL 14 AND THE MORNING OF APRIL 15. SOURCE FURNISHED COPIES OF WORKSHOP REPORTS. A FINANCIAL REPORT WAS GIVEN INDICATING THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1974, THE NATIONAL OFFICE RECEIVED \$27,000, MOSTLY FROM DONATIONS AND SALE OF "WINTER SOLDIER" AND SPENT \$24,000. U

b7c b7D DURING NEW BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON APRIL 15, 1974, [REDACTED] OHIO, [REDACTED] (PHONETIC), OHIO, [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED] NEW YORK, AND [REDACTED] END PAGE TWO

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NATIONAL OFFICE WERE NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL OFFICE POSITIONS WHICH WILL BE OPENING IN AUGUST, 1974. THE NEXT NSCM IS TO BE HELD AUGUST 8-13, 1974 IN NEW YORK, PERHAPS BUFFALO. U

CONCERNING FORTHCOMING EVENTS THERE IS TO BE A NATIONAL VVAW/WSO DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1-4, 1974.

ALSO, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE AND REGIONS ARE TO ATTEND A NATIONAL GI ORGANIZING CONFERENCE NEXT LABOR DAY IN b7D AT WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PRESENT; APPROXIMATELY 60 ARE ANTICIPATED. U

SOURCE GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM THOSE AT THE NSCM THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS CONTINUING TO GROW AND THAT APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THOSE AT THE NSCM HAD NEVER ATTENDED ONE PREVIOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE: U b7D

SOURCE IS b7D. DETAILED FD-306 TO MILWAUKEE FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092) (ATTN: INTD)
CHICAGO (100-50772)
MILWAUKEE (100-15674)
FROM: BUFFALO (199-21623)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAWSO)
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING,
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11-15, 1974.
IS - VVAWSO.

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RE MILWAUKEE NITEL, APRIL 11, 1974.

ON APRIL 19, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED DETAILED REPORT
RE CAPTIONED STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF VVAWSO WILL
BE AVAILABLE MORNING OF APRIL 19, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED
NOTES IN HIS POSSESSION REGARDING MEETING BEING UTILIZED

[REDACTED] VVAW/WSO, AND TO PREPARE BRIEFING OF BUFFALO
CHAPTER VVAW/WSO WHICH WILL OCCUR APRIL 20-21, 1974.

SOURCE ADVISED MUCH CONFLICT OCCURRED AT NATIONAL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING REGARDING ANTI-IMPERIALIST VS.
ANTI-CAPITALIST STANCE OF ORGANIZATION.

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SOURCE ADVISED THAT MAJORITY OF VVAW/WSO ORGANIZATION WISHES TO PRONOUNCE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STANCE IN ORDER TO BUILD A MASS ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN APPEAL TO LEFTISTS, ANTI-COMMUNISTS, COMMUNISTS AND INDIVIDUALS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS. SOURCE FEELS THAT THE VVAW/WSO BELIEVES THAT BY APPEALING TO A BROAD BASE OF PEOPLE, GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL PARTY CAN BE FORMED WHICH CAN LATER BECOME ANTI-CAPITALIST IN NATURE.

SOURCE ADVISED MEMBERS OF NEW YORK DELEGATION CONCERNED ABOUT MANIPULATIVE TACTICS UTILIZED BY NATIONAL COLLECTIVE IN MEETING. SOURCE ADVISED SEVERAL ITEMS OF CONFLICT BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF DELEGATES WERE NOT RESOLVED AT MEETING. SOURCE STATED IT IS FELT BY MEMBERS OF NEW YORK DELEGATION THAT NATIONAL COLLECTIVE HAS AN "ELITIST ATTITUDE" REGARDING NATIONAL COLLECTIVE'S ROLE IN ORGANIZATION, THAT IS, NATIONAL COLLECTIVE APPARENTLY FEELS IT IS DETACHED FROM AND SUPERIOR TO MASS MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION.

DETAILED INFORMANT REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO MILWAUKEE
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UPON PREPARATION BY BUFFALO DIVISION.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND CHICAGO, SOURCE ADVISED

b7c THAT [REDACTED] TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR NEXT NATIONAL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN BUFFALO.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)

MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

FROM CHICAGO (100-50772) 3P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION. (VVAW/WSO), NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 11 - 15, 1974, IS.

ON APRIL 17, 1974, FIRST AND SECOND SOURCES, WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED CAPTIONED MEETING HELD APRIL 11 - 15, 1974, WITH 80-85 DELEGATES PRESENT.

MEETING DIVIDED INTO TWELVE WORKSHOPS: 1. "DEATH" DRUGS. 2. AMNESTY. 3. IN-PLANNED ORGANIZING. 4. G.I. ORGANIZING. 5. NATIONAL OFFENSE. 6. INDO-CHINA. 7. MASS DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZING. 8. VVAW-WSO OBJECTIVES. 9. PRISONS. 10. GENERAL PROJECTS. 11. VETERANS'S ACTION. 12. "WINTER SOLDIER" PUBLICATION.

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MAIN VVAW/WSO OBJECTIVES FOR REMAINED OF 1974 ARE:

1. UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY. 2. END ALL SUPPORT OF THIEU REGIME IN VIETNAM AND LON NOLL REGIME IN CAMBODIA.
3. DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS. 4. FULL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION FOR ALL VETERANS. 5. "KICK NIXON OUT."

THESE OBJECTIVES WILL BE STRESSED DURING MASS DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1 - 4, 1974, WASHINGTON, DC, VVAW/WSO DEMONSTRATORS, EXPECTED TO NUMBER ONE TO THREE THOUSAND, PLAN TO LIVE ON WASHINGTON, DC MALL DURING THIS PERIOD.

b7c SAM SCHORR RE-ELECTED NATIONAL COORDINATOR AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ELECTED AS NEW NATIONAL COORDINATOR REPLACING BARRY ROMO.

VVAW/WSO NATIONAL FINANCES JANUARY - MARCH, 1974:
\$27,000 INCOME, \$25,000 EXPENSES.
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SDURCES HEARD NOTHING RE ANY SPLIT OR FACTIDNALISM IN
VVAW/WSD.

NEXT NATIDNAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AUGUST 8 -12, 1974.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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b7D SDURCES ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DETAILED FD-306S
BEING SUBMITTED MILWAUKEE AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/22/74

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-14156)(C)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

SM - VVAW/WSO
OO: Springfield

Re Chicago letter to Springfield dated 2/14/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

letter as [redacted] source identified in referenced

In view of fact, subject has been discharged from military service and is living in a small rural community at residence with parents in location where no VVAW Chapter exists, and local authorities have no criminal record or knowledge that subject is involved in criminal or VVAW affiliation, this matter is being closed by the Springfield Division.

Springfield indices negative regarding subject.

INFORMANT DATA:

Source:

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1-cc to SS by 0-14
2-cc to DOJ by 0-6
1-cc destroyed 932
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Location:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 22, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. SI 100-14156

Background and Affiliation With VVAW/WSO

On November 30, 1973, [REDACTED] furnished copies of various letters from the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/ Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), office, Dayton, Ohio, written by GARY STAIGER, concerning applications completed by prospective members of VVAW/WSO. These applications were being forwarded to the regional office, De Kalb, Illinois, for handling. Subject, whose address is shown as [REDACTED], Illinois, was one of the applicants. b7c

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) was founded in the spring of 1967, by 6 young Vietnam veterans in New York City. At the beginning of 1968, with 600 members, VVAW opened a national office, founded the first GI newspaper "Vietnam GI", and sent close to 500 veterans into the Mc Carthy campaign to beat down the red baiters. After getting gassed at the Democratic Convention at Chicago and caught in the general "down" of the peace movement, VVAW was nearly inactive until the moratoriums in the fall of 1969. Members of VVAW led student strikes on major campuses across the country and battled veteran administration hospital authorities over threats to throw amputee Vietnam veterans out for signing anti-war petitions. At present, membership of the VVAW, nationally, consists of 8,500 members.

Subject submitted a VVAW/WSO application dated September 18, 1973, and at that time gave his address as

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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b7c [redacted] California, and was a
b7c Corporal, United States Marine Corps. Subject stated in this
application he was based at [redacted]

[redacted] In his application subject stated he was willing
to participate in marches, do leafleting, help raise funds.
Also in this application he stated he has read and agreed
with the objectives of the VVAW and stated he was enclosing
\$5 for one year's membership in the VVAW.

Background

Name: [redacted]
Sex: Male
Race: White
Age: [redacted]
Height: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Dark Brown
Residence: [redacted] Illinois
Education: Twelve years, high school

Activities

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On April 15, 1974, [redacted] and [redacted] advised subject
has been honorably discharged from the United States Marine
Corps and is currently residing at [redacted] Illinois, with
his parents. Both sources advised subject has no criminal
record and is well regarded in the [redacted] community, comes from
a good family and is not currently affiliated with any VVAW
chapters as no VVAW chapters exist in or near [redacted] Illinois.

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VIETNAM VETERANS
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 the Bureau, 2/27/74.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of an
 LHM concerning a Conference of the New York-Northern New Jersey
 Region, VVAW/WSO, held at Monroe, New York, on 2/16-17/74.

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Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

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The following is the status of the investigations of the persons mentioned in the LHM as in attendance at the New York-Northern New Jersey Region, VVAW/WSO Conference at Monroe, New York, 2/16-17/74, residing in the area covered by the NY Office and the person in whose residence the conference was held:

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[REDACTED] N.Y.	NY 100-172302	C
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New York will attempt to identify the two individuals from the Suffolk County Chapter, VVAW/WSO, who reportedly attended the VVAW/WSO Conference at Monrce, NY, 2/16-17/74, and will open investigations on [REDACTED], Westchester-Putnam Chapter, VVAW/WSO, and [REDACTED], Orange County Chapter, VVAW/WSO, who reportedly attended the conference in line with current instructions relating to investigations of persons affiliated with the VVAW/WSO.

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] New York
State Police, Troop F Headquarters, Middletown, NY (REQUESTED).

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]
United States Post Office, Monroe, New York (REQUESTED).

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED], New York
State Police, Middletown, New York (REQUESTED).



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On February 8, 1974, [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the New York City (NYC) Chapter, Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO) held at the Washington Square Methodist Church, 135 West 4th Street, NYC on February 4, 1974 it was announced that a conference of the New York-Northern New Jersey Region, VVAW/WSO would be hosted by the Orange County, New York Chapter, VVAW/WSO on February 16-17, 1974. The conference would probably be held in Newburgh, New York. Those elected to represent the NYC Chapter at the conference were Joseph Hirsch, [redacted] and [redacted].

RELEVANT OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The VVAW/WSO is a national organization composed primarily of veterans of the War in Vietnam that has organized and participated in numerous demonstrations against the War in Vietnam during 1970 to 1972, including the takeover of various American landmarks and public buildings in December, 1971. Information has been developed that some VVAW/WSO Chapters were cooperating with or infiltrated by communist-dominated groups including the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). The National Headquarters of the organization is located in Chicago, Illinois.

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The CPUSA and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 14, 1974, [REDACTED] advised that Joseph Hirsch was a member of the Steering Committee and a member of the Staff of the NYC Chapter, VVAW/WSO, and that [REDACTED] was a member of the Steering Committee of the NYC Chapter.

On February 13, 1974, [REDACTED] advised that the VVAW/WSO conference scheduled to be held in Orange County, New York on February 16-17, 1974 will be held in a private residence on [REDACTED] New York, and not in Newburgh, New York.

On March 4, 1974, [REDACTED] and on February 26, 1974, [REDACTED] advised that a Conference of the New York-Northern New Jersey Region, VVAW/WSO was held in a private home of an unidentified female in [REDACTED] New York on February 16-17, 1974.

On February 26, 1974, [REDACTED] with whom insufficient contact has been made to judge his reliability, advised that it was learned that the VVAW/WSO conference held in [REDACTED] New York February 16-17, 1974 was held at the residence of [REDACTED] (last name unknown), who resides at the corner of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On February 26, 1974, [REDACTED] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] New York, a rural route.

On January 31, 1974, [REDACTED] furnished information that [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the Orange County Chapter, VVAW/WSO held in Goshen, New York on January 23, 1974.

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[REDACTED] advised that the following individuals
attended the conference as delegates from their local chapters:

Buffalo

[REDACTED]
New York-Northern New Jersey
VVAW/WSO Regional Coordinator
(Chairman of conference)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Oneonta

[REDACTED]
An unidentified white female

Westchester-Putnam

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ithaca

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (ph)

Mid-Hudson

[REDACTED]

Orange County

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (last name unknown),
An unidentified white female

New York City

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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[REDACTED] advised that Joseph Hirsch, [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] represented the NYC Chapter
at the conference.

On February 22, 1974, [REDACTED] advised that it was
observed that persons attending the conference used motor
vehicles bearing the following New York State Registrations:

8186 TR
183 PUV
757 TAZ

Records of the New York State Department of Motor
Vehicles, Albany, New York, disclosed on February 25, 1974
that the New York State Motor Vehicle Registrations mentioned
above are listed to the following individuals:

8186 TR

[REDACTED] New York
Date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED]
1970 Ford two-door sedan

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183 PUV

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New York

1964 Volkswagen Sedan

757 TAZ

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
1965 Ford Convertible

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that the conference began on February 16, 1974 with the reading of the minutes of the last Regional Conference. This was followed by "Round Robin" reports from the various chapters. The Buffalo, Oneonta, Ithaca, Westchester-Putnam and Rochester Chapters had provided typed reports of their activities. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] obtained copies of the reports of the Buffalo, Oneonta and Westchester-Putnam Chapters which follow:

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BUFFALO CHAPTER VVAW/WSO ROUND ROBIN REPORT
FEBRUARY 1974 REGIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 27

In line with national directives, the Buffalo chapter planned a week of activities around the anniversary date of January 27. We put out a leaflet stressing the three demands and publicizing the picket line demo that was held for two hours in front of the Federal Court Building. The demo was followed with an educational supper that evening for friends and supporters.

Amnesty and Discharge Upgrading Projects

We have been working for some time with the Amnesty and Reconciliation Committee, a group representing a large number of religious and liberal organizations. It has been hard work, but A.R.C. is now coming out with a leaflet for mass distribution and a letter to raise funds.

The discharge upgrading project will also be coming out with a leaflet. Limited counseling is being done now and lawyers David Addlestone and Susan Hewan of the Lawyer's Defense Committee in Washington actually prepare the briefs for appeal. More people have indicated an interest in working on the project and the goal is to be able ultimately to prepare our own briefs.

Political Education study group

For a couple of months a group of approximately 20 people have been meeting weekly to study in seven agreed-upon areas of interest: 1) labor struggles, 2) native American and third world struggles, 3) prisons and political prisoners, 4) oppression of women, 5) imperialism, 6) Marxist theory, and 7) the history of socialist movements in the United States. Minutes of these discussions are kept both as a record of progress and as an aid to new members.

Film Committee

This is an on-going and regular community program that has proved its worth as a vehicle for internal education and struggle. The program has limited out-reach capacity only because we have not been consistently able to schedule films far enough in advance to publicize them properly.

Winter Soldier distribution

Paper sales are becoming an effective out-reach vehicle as well as an improved means of raising funds through a program of consistent presence at the Buffalo unemployment office.

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Farah Strike Committee

Buffalo VVAW/WSO called for and is now a member of a coalition to support the Farah Strike. The coalition consists of VVAW/WSO, Attica Brigade, C.U.L.A. and a number of independents. The coalition will struggle around three points of unity:

- 1) a struggle against women's oppression
- 2) a struggle against run-away shops
- 3) a struggle for the basic democratic right to unionize.

The strike committee's work should be extremely effective as a lot of publicity (free) will be generated around the Farah issue due to the AFL-called for and city-announced "Farah Week" to be held the second week of March.

Attica Coalition Committee

We are supporting the struggle of the Attica Brothers through participation in the Buffalo Attica Coalition and through close contact with the Attica Brothers Legal Defense Committee. This activity meets the six guide-lines suggested by national, and will allow for a real growth in the organization as we build stronger contacts in the Third World community.

Our activities in the coalition have centered around communications and co-ordination of activities planned for the end of this month in conjunction with Calendar Court Calls for the Brothers. We've taken responsibility for organizing and maintaining a mass rally on Monday, February 25, the first day of court calls. We intend to mobilize the community through leafletting to come out and pack the courtroom throughout the Calendar Court Days. Other activities planned include picketing, support suppers, films, and rap sessions with the community.

We have also worked with the Attica Brothers Legal Defense in what they believe is the most complete and comprehensive jury selection survey ever done. The Buffalo chapter has been asked to file an Amicus Brief with the court in support of the Jury Project's charge that the jury selection process in Erie County is overwhelmingly discriminatory against the young, third world people, and women.

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Oneonta, N.Y. Chapter Report

Since the NSCM, our chapter has been pulling itself back together, with considerable success. We have some new members and we now number 20 people. At a film showing recently five people said they would come to our next meeting; if they join, we will have 25 people. Following is a summary of our recent activities:

- Literature tables are being used for outreach and recruiting new members.

- Our amnesty campaign has consisted of leafletting, selling the posters and position pamphlets. In many cases we give people the posters and pamphlets rather than sell them. An amnesty committee has been set up in the chapter.

- January 27 activity: Three days of leafletting on continued U.S. aggression in Vietnam, and a letter on the same subject published in the Oneonta Star.

- Winter Soldier street sales have tripled and four local stores are now selling the paper.

- We sent letters to Riverside, Calif. Telegrams were too expensive. We had a one-sentence telegram written up, and they would have cost us \$7.00 each.

- Homer Folks Hospital - Homer Folks is a former tuberculosis facility which the state closed a year ago. Local people clearly want the facility to be used for veterans. The other veterans group (VFW, DAV, American Legion) want a nursing home for veterans. Our proposal is that the facility be turned over to the State University and that for at least five years the facility be used to the advantage of Vietnam-era vets. Included in the proposal are special facilities for disabled vets (physically as well psychological), low-rent housing for vets and their families, and drug rehab. for addicted vets who want to go to school. Our proposal has been well publicized and it looks like it will be getting very serious consideration. Thanks to the NYC chapter for the drug info they provided. Chapters who want a copy of the position let me know.

- Film showing - "Only the Beginning" and "The Culprit is Nixon" (Vietnamese) 125 people showed up on the evening of February 12 for these films. There was also discussion on VVAW/WSO and continued U.S. aggression in Indochina. Out of the program came requests for two more showings as well as possible new members.

- Statement in February W.S. supporting truckers published in Oneonta Star.

- Chapter committee on JROTC being formed. Purpose is to have a few experts ready in case JROTC is considered for someplace in our area.

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- We ll soon have a chapter newsletter.
- A committee has been formed to look into area prisoners.
- The women in the chapter are holding rap groups.
- Discussions about the objectives are being held.
- \$5.00 for County Fair requested by WO sent in
- Chapter meetings are being held weekly now.
- P.S. Homer Folks Hospital covers 200 acres and has over 30 buildings.
- A chapter study group is being formed.

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WESTCHESTER PUTNAM CHAPTER

Round Robin Report

The Westchester Putnam Chapter is coming together. We've been holding regular meetings, collecting dues modelled after NYC, and have picked up new members.

In the beginning of March we will present our amnesty position to WestPAC, a clearinghouse/coalition of county organizations. We're anticipating support from ACLU, Clergy and Laity Concerned, and several local peace groups, and feel this should help in getting the area together behind universal and unconditional amnesty. The following week we're doing a (fund-raising) program at SUNY at Purchase -- showing the 90 minute Winter Soldier film with discussion after.

As a result of meetings of the VVAW/WSO Mid-Hudson Coalition (Mid-Hudson, Orange County, Westchester Putnam (MHOCWP)), there is an amnesty action planned for West Point on May 18th. It will be a lead-in to the Washington DC demo. We see the possibility of this developing into a regional action and will bring it up as an agenda item Sunday.

The chapter got some press coverage with an article in the local paper. We're also taping a radio show next week.

We've been invited to participate in a local high school's "Human Relations Week" in April. We'll have a table for a day and will be given an hour and a half prime time for a program. On March 23rd we'll be taking part in the Concerned Democrats' "Issues Conference." We'll have a speaker on the program with Ogden Reid, Howard Samuels, Al Lowenstein, and Ramsey Clark and have a table set up for the day.

To push WINTER SOLDIERS we sent back issues to our 50 area libraries requesting them to include the paper with their reading selections and urging them to buy subscriptions. No news yet.

Lastly . . . a local printer told us he could do the amnesty booklet for 9.5¢ per copy for 1000 copies. Unless the NSC is using this for fund-raising, we feel it would be worthwhile to get a printing done for the region.

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Rochester Chapters were not obtained. The chapters that did
not provide typed reports orally described their activities
as follows:

Mid-Hudson Chapter

The Mid-Hudson Chapter is working on the amnesty
issue in connection with a local committee that has connections
with the CPUSA. A problem has arisen in this regard because
the CPUSA is alienated from the VVAW/WSO because in the
recent past the VVAW/WSO had written a letter of censure to
the CPUSA concerning some of their activities. In regards
to amnesty, some media coverage of "Winter Soldier" articles
has been obtained and the VVAW/WSO has also had time on
some radio programs.

"Winter Soldier" is self-
described as the official
national publication of the
VVAW/WSO published monthly by
the National Collective of the
VVAW/WSO, 827 West Newport,
Chicago, Illinois.

Orange County

The Orange County Chapter has succeeded in getting
three major newspaper articles and a one hour program on
radio concerning amnesty. Unfortunately, there has been
little local response to this coverage. On January 27, 1974,
several clergymen gave sermons supporting the amnesty
position of the VVAW/WSO. There has been some work
involving the impeachment issue, which has drawn a mixed
response.

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Suffolk County

The Suffolk County Chapter had broken up for a while and is just back together. It has not done much in the recent past but it has a lot of good ideas for the future. It is trying to become involved in some sort of legal action on Long Island and is attempting to send the "Winter Soldier" newspaper to prisons.

New York City

The NYC Chapter has recently become involved in a coalition with the ~~Mayor's Office on Veterans Affairs~~ (MOVA) regarding the amnesty issue. The chapter is pushing for a new coalition without MOVA because MOVA is run by an active duty Major and is seen as an attempt to channel veterans' agitation and frustrations into liberal solutions, thereby disorganizing any effort at presenting unified radical demands.

The NYC Chapter is having organizational problems and the Coordinating Committee of the chapter is trying to get more control over the activities of the individual members. The chapter has initiated an Outreach Program to get in contact with veterans and in this regard tables have been set up in the Port Authority Bus Terminal in NYC. The chapter is attempting to get Gary Lawton to go on a speaking tour. Peter Mahoney, who is from NYC, is currently available for speaking tours.

"Winter Soldier" issue of March, 1974, page two, reports that Gary Lawton is to be tried for a third time for the murder of two Riverside, California policemen. *FLH*

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Peter Mahoney is a former National Coordinator of the VVAW/WSO and a "Gainesville 8" defendant.

"Gainesville 8" refers to the eight VVAW/WSO leaders and members who were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Tallahassee, Florida in October, 1972 for violations of Federal statutes, including conspiracy to riot during the Republican National Convention, August, 1972. The eight were acquitted during August, 1973. *LR*

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WJD* [redacted] advised that [redacted] gave a regional report on the activities of the New York-Northern New Jersey region since the last conference. Source furnished a copy of the report, which follows:

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VVAW/WSO NY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Regional Office

Round Robin Report - Regional meeting,
Orange County, Feb. 16 & 17, 1974.

1. Since the last Regional Meeting, the Regional Coordinator and eight delegates from the Region attended the 11th National Steering Committee meeting at Yellow Springs, Ohio in Dec., 1973. Delegates were from the Buffalo, Rochester, Ithaca, Oneonta, Mid-Hudson and NYC Chapters. At the last minute, the delegate from Westchester-Putnam could not attend and the seat was filled by Mike Mazzetti, currently with the Leavenworth Brothers Offense/Defense effort.
2. The region is slowly growing. There is a Chapter forming in Attica Prison and possible Chapters in Fredonia. Prison in Leesburg, NJ and the Utica Rome area. For the time being, the Region is handling communications for the currently defunct Connecticut-Rhode Island Region. Right now, we distribute 900 copies of "Winter Soldier" a month from the Regional Office: 700 to Chapters and 200 on a Regional mailing list.
3. Unfortunately, there has been little progress done on the Region Winter Soldier Investigation. Due to a misunderstanding, it was not brought to the floor at the NSCM. It will be brought to the floor in the April NSCM. We are currently trying to get petitions, buttons and bumper stickers for a large scale amnesty campaign in the Region.
5. Balance at the last Regional Meeting was \$266.34. Income since then has been \$359.55 and expenses have been \$129.70. The current balance is \$269.19. Areas of income are donations, reimbursement for NSCM fees and resources and approx. \$240.00 raised in a book and record sale at the end of last month. Areas of expense are postage, resources, NSCM fees, office supplies, \$50.00 to the National Office for the Cairo-Bogue Chitto clothes drive and telephone calls. We have recently started a new system of book-keeping that will ultimately help us in filing for incorporation and non-profit tax status.
6. Assessment - Due to a shortage of time and energy for committee the Regional Office has not been able to follow through on on-going programs to the extent necessary to guarantee success. In future weeks, an effort will be made to spread some of the work and correspondence out and to organize the RO for maximum efficiency. Overall, though the state of the Region is good and chapters are growing in commitment and activity.

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b2 b7D [redacted] b7C [redacted] advised that [redacted] provided the following information concerning some of the chapters in the region:

The chapter at Albany, New York is defunct.

The chapter at Potsdam is re-forming and has 40 people involved.

The chapter forming in Leesburg, New Jersey at the F-1 Prison is having a hard time due to the repressive atmosphere at the prison. b7C

b2 b7D [redacted] b7C [redacted] advised that [redacted] then gave a report on the National Steering Committee meeting of the VVAW/WSO that had been held in Yellow Springs, Ohio, December 26-31, 1973. Following this a discussion was held regarding criticism of the National organization, some of which has arisen regarding the rank and file treatment of the National Coordinators by the general membership. It was suggested that the various regions send letters to the National Collective to show their support. A letter to the National Collective from the New York-Northern New Jersey Region was proposed, which will show solidarity to the National Collective regarding criticism of the Collective by the members of the organization. This was unanimously approved. This letter will be sent to the National Collective shortly.

b2 b7D [redacted] b7C [redacted] advised that on the afternoon of February 16, 1974, discussions were held on "Winter Soldier", Prison, Amnesty and Discharge Upgrading and Coalitions.

Regarding the newspaper "Winter Soldier", it was decided that the rhetoric in the newspaper is better and not an embarrassment to the organization as it had been in the past.

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Concerning distribution of the newspaper, it was learned that NYC gets 1,500 copies, Mid-Hudson gets 50 copies, Westchester-Putnam gets 350 copies, Orange County gets 100 copies, Buffalo gets 2,200 copies, Oneonta gets 200 copies, Ithaca gets 50 copies, Suffolk County gets 500 copies, Potsdam gets 200 copies, and Rochester gets 500 copies for monthly distribution. 250 copies are also sent out by the region to people on the general mailing list. It was brought out that some problem with the distribution of the paper has arisen lately. It was decided to check the bus lines to see if the paper could be distributed quicker by bus. It was decided that when the paper is distributed, the paper sellers should try for a consistent presence at a given location in order to facilitate the sales. It was learned that the NYC Chapter gives the paper free to GIs. It was also decided to look into the possibility of selling the paper at various bookstores on a consignment basis.

Concerning prisons, it was pointed out that the VVAW/WSO could probably make some progress in educating prisoners if they would contact representatives of various schools and academic programs which had been established within the prisons. VVAW/WSO Chapters are being set up at Attica, New York and Leavenworth, Kansas Prisons. The Trenton State Prison in New Jersey already has four political organizations operating within the prison.

Concerning amnesty and discharge upgrading, it was discussed that on March 8, 1974 Congressional hearings would be held regarding the amnesty issue. The National Collective should be contacted to ask them what their opinion is concerning these hearings. The National and the Washington-Virginia Chapters should be contacted regarding the March 8, 1974 hearings in order to get some members of the VVAW/WSO to attend the hearings.

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It was felt that the VVAW/WSO should possibly take a liberal position regarding amnesty and not an anti-imperialist position. This means that amnesty should be tied into the objective of freeing all political prisoners.

Regarding the upgrading of discharge it was learned that there has been a recent court decision indicating that in the future honorable discharges cannot have attached to them a "SPN Number", which would indicate that the discharge was really given under other than honorable conditions. This presents a problem in removing these numbers from discharges that have been given in the past. The Buffalo Chapter has been mandated to research the court case to determine the retroactivity of the question. The NYC Chapter has a list of these "SPN Numbers" that are utilized and will send copies to all the other chapters.

Concerning coalitions, it was brought out that the VVAW/WSO will not form any coalitions with "Trots". There was some discussion at this point on the problems of being in the coalition with MOVA. It was learned that MOVA also had connections with "Penthouse" Magazine and the United Church of Christ. MOVA has attempted to diffuse all the programs that the VVAW/WSO is into. When VVAW/WSO members speak out the Mayor of NYC depicts these people as suffering from "crazed unresolved psychological problems". A proposal was made that a regional file be compiled documenting MOVA's connections with "Penthouse" Magazine and religious organizations.

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b7D [redacted] advised that it was mentioned that [redacted] (ph), a former VVAW/WSO member from [redacted] California, who is now a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, is no longer in the VVAW/WSO. [redacted] was not dropped by the organization when he was arrested in California but had voluntarily cut all ties with the organization about a year before his arrest.

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised that a discussion was had on the rewriting of the Ten Objectives of the VVAW/WSO and the creation of a Preamble to the Objectives. According to [redacted] the prerequisite in the writing of the Preamble and the rewriting of the Objectives was that they had to contain an anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist political line. [redacted] stated that they would be presented to the National Steering Committee at the next National Steering Committee meeting to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in April, 1974. According to [redacted], all chapters and regions must submit to the National office by March 1, 1974 recommendations for the rewriting of the National Objectives.

[redacted] and [redacted] furnished copies of a one page document entitled, "Concerning a Perspective for the 10 Objectives", which had been distributed at the conference as a possible Preamble. A copy of this document follows:

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CONCERNING A PERSPECTIVE FOR THE 10 OBJECTIVES

We are a mass democratic organization whose interests lie with the working class. This society was built and is maintained by the American working class, yet our human labor and socially-produced wealth are expropriated by individual profiteers and corporate elites. The owners of the means of production enrich themselves at the expense of the workers who labor to build the society. The relationship of the capitalist class to the working class is inevitably exploitative. Capitalism needs the divisive, destructive dynamics of racism and sexism to keep the working class under its thumb. Owners and employers use sexism, racism, poverty, and structural unemployment to insure the availability of a work force at terms they can dictate. Other peoples of the world cannot escape the ravages of imperialism through which capitalism must expand. Only when the basic productive economic structure of this monopoly-capitalist society is fundamentally altered through working class struggle will imperialism, racism, sexism, and poverty be eradicated. With this struggle as a foundation, a new society will be created.

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b2 b7D [redacted] advised that there was some criticism of this Preamble, mainly by [redacted] who indicated that the Preamble was confusing inasmuch as it utilized too much Marxist-Leninist rhetoric, which would not be readily understood by individuals that the organization is trying to reach. A new Preamble was written, which reads as follows:

"VVAW/WSO is a mass democratic organization whose roots lie in the working class. We have seen U. S. imperialism at work in Indochina and we experience its oppression every day in this country. We experience it on the job and in the unemployment line, in police repression and in racial discrimination, in sky-rocketing prices and the theft of our history of struggle. Our society was built and is maintained by the working class, yet our human labor and collective wealth are exploited by a profit-seeking corporate system. To enrich themselves, the owners of the means of production are attacking our living standards and destroying our environment.

"Capitalism to exist further exploits the history of racism and sexism in our society to keep people divided and powerless. Poverty and unemployment are also used by the owners and employers of the capitalist system to suppress the people and to maintain a work force at terms they can dictate. Only through unity of the working class and a commitment to ongoing political education and struggle against all oppression can we hope to end the inequalities of this system and stop its imperialistic nature."

b2 b7D [redacted] furnished a rewrite of the Ten Objectives in the general form that they will be submitted to the National organization. This rewrite of the Ten Objectives is as follows:

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"(1) Indochina - there will be immediate implementation of the various accords in Indochina, ceasaation of aid to repreaaive regimes and non-interference with Indochineae liberation atrugglea.

(2) Imperialism - there will be an immediata termination of all operations by the United States Government, ita agencies and American business interests that have decided to suppress the rightful struggles for liberation and self-determination of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

(3) Labor - the organization will support all working peoples in their efforts to organize and strike in defense of their intereats. The organization condemns all means of the atate (i.e. strikes) used against working people. The organization ultimately supports the control of the means of production in this society by the workers.

(4) Veterans - the organization will work to secure for veterans educational benefits, medical care and productive employment which are the rights of all working people. The organization will resist all efforts to turn the veterans into a special interest group and will work to end all exploitation of veterans aa a tool to divide the working clasa.

(5) Militarism - to end the use of tha military as an oppressive and policy making force domestically and overseaa and to end the apread of militariam in out society. (A sentenca from the original objective aa it now atands will also be used)

(6) Racism - the organization will work to achieve full democratic rights and total equality and self-determination for all third world people and oppressed minorities. The organization will atruggle againat racism in ourselvea, in our organization and in our culture.

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(7) Sexism - the organization will work to end economic, social, cultural and political discrimination against women and will work to guarantee women an equal place in society in the struggle. The organization will fight sexism in all its forms within the organization as it hampers struggles for liberation. (The delegates were evenly divided over the issue of including mention of homosexuality as a manifestation of sexism.)

(8) Amnesty - to secure universal and unconditional amnesty for all war resisters.

(9) Political prisoners - the organization will work to eliminate prisons, institutions and other methods that are used to sustain political and social repression. The organization will support all prisoners who are engaged in the struggle against oppressive policies and conditions within prisons. The organization will struggle for a society which offers genuine rehabilitation.

(10) Ecology - the organization will work to end the theft of natural resources and the destruction of the environment and to achieve an ecological balance with nature that will insure the health and maintenance of future generations."

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b7D [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the session of February 17, 1974, dealt with new business. A discussion was held on the holding of an action at the United States Military Academy (USMA), West Point, New York, on May 18, 1974. [redacted] stated that the action will be around the subject of amnesty, several types of action were discussed and it was brought out that the New York City chapter could supply 30-35 persons to participate. According to [redacted], it was mentioned that there should be a large mailing by each chapter to get support for the action.

[redacted] stated that the proposed USMA action on May 18, 1974, will be coordinated by the Mid-Hudson chapter and that plans for this action will be finalized at the next regional meeting of the New York-Northern New Jersey Region to be held at Buffalo, New York, with Ithaca, New York, as a backup location on May 4-5, 1974. It was brought out that this action is a regional action and that all chapters should plan actions leading to a national demonstration in Washington, D.C., in late June or early July, 1974. Cable

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that another piece of new business discussed on February 17, 1974, was the proposed speaking tour of Gary Lawton who will probably be available for such a tour in early April, 1974.

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b7D [redacted] stated that the Suffolk County chapter indicated that they are sure they can get Lawton a \$150. honorarium for speaking at the Stony Brook College. The Oneonta chapter indicated that it will check into the possibility of Lawton appearing at Oneonta State College and the Buffalo chapter indicated that it could probably get Lawton a speaking pig at the State University of New York at Buffalo sponsored by the University of Buffalo Vets Club.

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b7C It was decided that an individual named [REDACTED] (Last Name Unknown), who was with the Gary Lawton Defense Committee, telephone number [REDACTED], be contacted to determine if Lawton would speak without receiving a honorarium. It was also decided that the region would contribute \$200. to the Gary Lawton Defense Committee.

b7D [REDACTED] advised that the VVAW/WSO will attempt to obtain speaking gigs for Gary Lawton at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, Old Westbury College, Westbury, New York, and the Orange County Community College.

b7D b2 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that a discussion was held on Vietnam Era Veterans Day. [REDACTED] stated that it appeared that the Vietnam Era Veterans Day is a day that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion are trying to set up to honor the veterans of the Vietnam war. If such a day is in fact set up, an action by the VVAW/WSO will probably be necessary to protest this "glorification" of militarism".

[REDACTED] advised that the Vietnam Era Veterans Day has been proclaimed by the President of the United States to be held on March 29, 1974. It was mentioned that all chapters should meet "head on" any efforts by the administration to pacify veterans by actions locally and elsewhere, including one in Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] advised that two possibilities were discussed for activity by the region during the summer of 1974, the first being a VVAW/WSO educational caravan, and the second being a camp-out at High Falls, N.Y., in late August or early September, 1974. A regional meeting could be held at the camp-out. It was decided that the idea of the educational caravan would be discussed further in the future.

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[redacted] advised that the New York City, Mid-Hudson, Ithaca, Suffolk County, Buffalo, Oneonta and Rochester chapters will be represented at the next National Steering Committee meeting of the VVAW/WSO scheduled to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during April 11-15, 1974. If the National Steering Committee rejects the preamble to the 10 Objectives as submitted by the New York-Northern New Jersey Region prior to the National Steering Committee meeting, the preamble will be presented to the workshop on the rewriting of the 10 Objectives word for word and then will be entered on the floor of the National Steering Committee meeting under new business. If the preamble is accepted prior to the meeting, the New York State representatives will participate in the workshop on the rewrite.

[redacted] advised that a discussion was held on the implementation of "Winter Soldier" concept upon the organization. The VVAW part of the title will not be dropped in the foreseeable future since the title gains credibility in referring to the organization. It was noted that the emphasis on veterans within the organization is intimidating to people who come into the organization under the "Winter Soldier" concept. The members of the organization must struggle together in order to provide the organization with the correct emphasis.

[redacted] advised that it was mentioned that the long-range plans of the organization are to change its name to "Winter Soldier Organization" and to de-emphasize its image as strictly a veterans organization by openly recruiting non-veterans and women.

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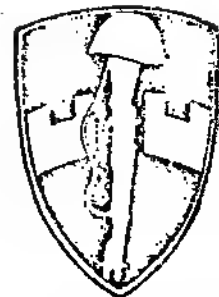
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[redacted] advised that the matter of direct action against the Veterans Administration (VA) was discussed. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin chapter had successfully taken over VA offices to bring attention to their demands regarding discharge upgrading. It was suggested that Milwaukee be contacted so that the New York Region might obtain copies of the leaflets used by the Milwaukee chapter and information concerning the action. It was decided that in the future the organization must make an analysis of the VA to determine how it works and where it fails.

[redacted] advised that a rough-draft of the letter to the National Collective concerning criticism of the National Collective was read into the minutes. The letter was approved by an unanimous vote. A copy of this letter will be sent to all regional offices. [redacted] furnished a copy of this letter which follows:

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February 19, 1974

TO: VVAW/WSO National Collective
RE: Resolution passed at NY - NNJ Regional Meeting,
Feb. 16 and 17, 1974, Monroe, NY

This body would like to at this time commend the National Collective for the work that they have been doing to build this organization on a national and international level. We see the importance to relate to the organization at this level and must continue to struggle together to insure unity.

We feel that any criticism of the National Collective, any Region, any Chapter, or any individual should be made in a principled and political manner. Any unprincipled attacks, be they made on a personal level or at any organizational meeting can only serve to internally disrupt our organization and decrease our effectiveness at all levels. We recognize that this has occurred to some degree in the past and hope that it will cease.

UNITY - STRUGGLE - VICTORY

For the Region

NY - NNJ Regional Office

cc:VVAW/WSO Regions and Projects

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These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this crisis shrink from the service of his country, but he that stands a now.

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[redacted] advised that the next item discussed was the fuel crisis. It was suggested that a project be developed which would support the legalization of hitchhiking. The project was criticized because it was brought out that the VVAW/WSO has no apparatus to bring about reform legislation and no structure to obtain publicity in this regard. In addition, the energy that would have to be put into this project would take away from more important priorities. It was decided that a minimal step could be taken in this matter and the members could go on record at this conference condemning police harassment of an interference with people's freedom of movement. A formal proposal was made that the organization support freedom of movement through hitchhiking and condemn police harassment and repression of hitchhikers and also the state laws which allow this oppression. This proposal was passed.

[redacted] advised it was next proposed that where possible the "Winter Soldier" newspaper concerning the fuel crisis "hoax" be distributed to truckers and gas station owners who are opposed to the government. The organization could then find out from the truckers and station owners how they view the fuel crisis and what they might know about the hoax. It was suggested that this proposal be withdrawn at this time and a workshop be set up to pool information from different regions, especially Akron, Ohio, before making a commitment on this issue.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated that he would like to see a three-person collective be involved with the responsibility for coordinating the region. [redacted] indicated that the collective be composed of himself as Regional Coordinator and two other people who could help him with the administrative matters regarding the coordinating of the region.

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FEBRUARY 1974 REGIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 27

In line with national directives, the Buffalo chapter planned a week of activities around the anniversary date of January 27. We put out 2 leaflet stressing the three demands and publicizing the picket line demo that was held for two hours in front of the Federal Court Building. The demo was followed with an educational supper that evening for friends and supporters.

Amnesty and Discharge Upgrading Project

We have been working for some time with the Amnesty and Reconciliation Committee. A group representing a large number of religious and liberal organizations has been hard work, but A.R.C. is now coming out with a leaflet for mass distribution and a letter to raise funds. The discharge upgrading project will also be coming out with a leaflet. Limited counseling is being done now and lawyers David Addlestone and Susan Ryan of the Lawyer's Defense Committee in Washington actually prepare the briefs for appeal. More people have indicated an interest in working on the project and the goal is to be able ultimately to prepare our own briefs.

Political Education Study Group

For a couple of months a group of approximately 20 people have been meeting weekly to study in seven agreed-upon areas of interest: 1) labor struggles, 2) native American and third world struggles, 3) prisons and political prisoners, 4) oppression of women, 5) imperialism, 6) Marxist theory, and 7) the history of socialist movements in the United States. Minutes of those discussions are kept both as a record of progress and as an aid to new members.

Film Committee

This is an on-going and regular community program that has proved its worth as a vehicle for internal education and struggle. The program has limited out-reach capacity only because we have not been consistently able to schedule films far enough in advance to publicize them properly.

Winter Soldier distribution

Paper sales are becoming an effective out-reach vehicle as well as an improved means of raising funds through a program of consistent presence at the Buffalo unemployment office.

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Parah Strike Committee

Buffalo VVAW/MSO called for and is now a member of a coalition to support the Parah Strike. The coalition consists of VVAW/MSO, Attica Brigade, S.B.S.A., and a number of independents. The coalition will struggle around three points of unity:

- 1) a struggle against women's oppression
- 2) a struggle against run-away shops
- 3) a struggle for the basic democratic right to unionize.

The strike committee's work should be extremely effective as a lot of publicity (free) will be generated around the Parah issue due to the AFD-called for and city-announced "Parah Week" to be held the second week of March.

Attica Coalition Committee

We are supporting the struggle of the Attica Brothers through participation in the Buffalo Attica Coalition and through close contact with the Attica Brothers Legal Defense Committee. This activity meets the six guide-lines suggested by national, and will allow for a real growth in the organization as we build stronger contacts in the Third World community.

Our activities in the coalition have centered around communications and co-ordination of activities planned for the end of this month in conjunction with Calendar Court Calls for the Brothers. We've taken responsibility for organizing and maintaining a mass rally on Monday, February 25, the first day of court calls. We intend to mobilize the community through leafletting to come out and pack the courtroom throughout the Calendar Court Days. Other activities planned include picketing, support suppers, films, and rap sessions with the community.

We have also worked with the Attica Brothers Legal Defense in what they believe is the most complete and comprehensive jury selection survey ever done. The Buffalo chapter has been asked to file an Amicus Brief with the court in support of the Jury Project's charge that the jury selection process in Erie County is overwhelmingly discriminatory against the young, third world people, and women.

Center for United Color Action

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Oneonta, N.Y. Chapter Report

Since the NSC, our chapter has been pulling itself back together, with considerable success. We have some new members and we now number 20 people. At a film showing recently five people said they would come to our next meeting; if they join, we will have 25 people. Following is a summary of our recent activities:

- Literature tables are being used for outreach and recruiting new members.

- Our amnesty campaign has consisted of leafleting, selling the posters and position pamphlets. In many cases we give people the posters and pamphlets rather than sell them. An amnesty committee has been set up in the chapter.

- January 27 activity: Three days of leafleting on continued U.S. aggression in Vietnam, and a letter on the same subject published in the Oneonta Star.

- Winter Soldier street sales have tripled and four local stores are now selling the paper.

- We sent letters to Riverside, Calif. Telegrams were too expensive; we had a one-sentence telegram written up, and they would have cost us \$7.00 each.

- Homer Folks Hospital - Homer Folks is a former tuberculosis facility which the state closed a year ago. Local people clearly want the facility to be used for veterans. The other veterans group (VFW, DAV, American Legion) want a nursing home for veterans. Our proposal is that the facility be turned over to the State University and that for at least five years the facility be used to the advantage of Vietnam-era vets. Included in the proposal are special facilities for disabled vets (physically as well as psychological), low-rent housing for vets and their families, and drug rehab. for addicted vets who want to go to school. Our proposal has been well publicized and it looks like it will be getting very serious consideration. Thanks to the NYC chapter for the drug info they provided. Chapters who want a copy of the position let us know.

- Film showing - "Only the Beginning" and "The Culprit is Nixon" (Vietnamese) 25 people showed up on the evening of February 12 for these films. There was also discussion on VVAW/ISO and continued U.S. aggression in Indochina. Out of the program came requests for two more showings as well as possible new members.

- Statement in February U.S. supporting truckers published in Oneonta Star.

- Chapter committed on JROTC being formed. Purpose is to have a few experts ready in case JROTC is considered for someplace in our area.

- We will soon have a chapter newsletter.

- A committee has been formed to look into area prisoners.

- The women in the chapter are holding rap groups.

- Discussions about the objectives are being held.

- \$5.00 for County Fair requested by HO sent in.

- Chapter meetings are being held weekly now.

- P.S. - Homer Folks Hospital covers 200 acres and has over 30 buildings.

A chapter study group is being formed

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VWAW/ASO NY - NRO Regional Office

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CONCERNING A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION

We are a mass democratic organization whose interests lie with the working class. This society was built and is maintained by the American working class, yet our human labor and socially-produced wealth are appropriated by individual profiteers and corporate elites. The owners of the means of production enrich themselves at the expense of the workers who labor to build the society. The relationship of the capitalist class to the working class is inevitably exploitative. Our nation is the scene of destructive dynamics of racism and sexism that oppress the working class under 160 years. Owners and employers use economic coercion, and poverty, and structural unemployment to insure the availability of a work force at terms they can dictate. Other peoples of the world cannot escape the ravages of imperialism through which capitalism must expand. Only when the basic productive economic structure of this monopoly-capitalist society is fundamentally altered through working class struggle will imperialism, racism, sexism, and poverty be eradicated. With this structural foundation, a new society will be erected.

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SAC, Baltimore (100-27909)

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Director, FBI (100-448092)

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**VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
INTERNAL SECURITY**

For information of recipients, the 4/74, Volume 3, Number 5, edition of "Highway 13," a copy of which was furnished WSO by Baltimore letter 4/12/74, captioned "Highway 13, PA," Baltimore file number 100-30725, on page 3, contains an article captioned "VVAW/WSO News." This article advises that representatives of the VVAW/WSO chapters in Washington, D.C., and Maryland voted, at a regional meeting in 3/74, to hold a regional "Warriors" demonstration on Saturday, May 18, 1974, at the Federal Building, which houses the Veterans Administration (VA), at Hopkins Plaza, off Charles and Baltimore Streets, in Baltimore. The demonstration will be held under the VA, one discharge-amnesty office. The action will be part of a series of regional demonstrations planned to culminate in a national action to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 21, 1974. Regional actions will be held on Armed Forces Day, May 15, 1974. Invited to attend. For more information, was advised to call one of the following offices:

Regional Office:
521B 2nd Street, NW
Washington, D.C. - 20002
Phone: (202) 543-6817

Baltimore Chapter
911 Gorseuch Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
Phone: 266-5653

D.C. Chapter
2025 P Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: 466-6293

Center Maryland Chapter
9635 Whitacre Road
Columbia, Maryland
Phone: 997-8393

University of Maryland Chapter
PO Box 38
College Park, Maryland 20740
Phone: 864-0196

West Maryland Chapter
PO Box 363
Thurmont, Maryland 21788
Phone: 271-6883

2 - WFO - (100-47162)
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Letter to Baltimore and WFO
RE: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

There is no indication in FBIHQ files that information concerning the proposed demonstration 5/18/74 has been previously furnished FBIHQ. Recipients are requested, therefore, to contact sources for all information relating to this demonstration. Results of above contacts, along with information in recipients' files relating to the proposed demonstration, should be furnished FBIHQ in form suitable for dissemination accompanied by recommendation as to any action deemed necessary.

NOTE:

VVAW was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. In 4/73, it changed its name to VVAW/WSO so that nonveterans could become members. Current VVAW/WSO officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate their members in Marxist-Leninist doctrine. Previous demonstrations under sponsorship of this organization have resulted in violence. Purpose of instant communication is to insure that timely information is received with regard to the demonstration and appropriate dissemination at FBIHQ.

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TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] AND WFO
RE: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
- ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

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RE [REDACTED] COORDINATE THIS MATTER WITH WFO TO INSURE
PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED BY SOURCE IS PROMPTLY
FURNISHED WFO, IF SAME CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED SECURELY.

NOTE:

NCIN, located at 1404 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C., is umbrella-type organization which plans 4/27/74 activities at the Reflecting Pool, U.S. Capitol and the Mall. NCIN estimates attendance will be between 20,000 and 30,000 and organizations planning to participate in demonstration include, among others, the Revolutionary Union (RU), Attica Brigade (AB), Youth International Party (YIP), New American Movement (NAM), National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The RU, AB and YIP are currently under investigation as subversive organizations and Bureau letter to the Attorney General, 3/29/74, advised we would not initiate investigation of NCIN or coverage of 4/27/74 demonstration with sources without a specific request from the Department, but would furnish information received regarding NCIN.

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[REDACTED] was approved to act as a full security informant 6/8/72 and current payments are authorized in the monthly amounts of \$500 for services and \$250 for expenses. Expenses in connection with above demonstration will be handled under currently authorized monthly payments with no supplemental financial authorization required. Authority for [REDACTED] to attend above demonstration premised entirely on [REDACTED] notification that same is essential for informant's maintaining status in VVAW/WSO.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-448092

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WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM [REDACTED] 2P *b7D*

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW / WSO). IS.

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RE [REDACTED] NITEL APRIL 23, 1974, CAPTIONED "DEMONSTRATION
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO IMPEACH NIXON (NCIN),
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), APRIL 27, 1974, IS."

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL OF [REDACTED]
FROM [REDACTED] TO WDC TO AFFORD COVERAGE OF VVAW / WSO
ACTIVITIES DURING NCIN DEMONSTRATION, APRIL 27, 1974. IN
THE PAST, VVAW / WSO HAS ENGAGED IN DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES
DURING DEMONSTRATIONS.

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[REDACTED] OFFICE HAS NOT SOLICITED SOURCE TO ATTEND
DEMONSTRATION BUT SOURCE BELIEVES HER ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

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TO MAINTAIN STATUS IN VVAV/WSO. SOURCE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU HAS NO INTEREST IN LEGITIMATE POLITICAL ACITVITIES OF IMPEACHMENT PROCESS.

IF AUTHORIZATION GRANTEO, PAYMENTS TO SOURCE FOR EXPENSES AND SERVICES WILL BE HANDLED UNDER CURRENT BUREAU AUTHORIZATION WITH NO SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED.

FOR INFORMATION OF WFO CODE NAME OF SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

DATE: 4/25/74

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-17114) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
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Re Albany nitel to Bureau dated 12/10/73, and
Philadelphia letter to Bureau dated 12/19/73.

A check of Pittsburgh indices failed to reflect any
identifiable reference to [REDACTED] b7c Pa.

Records of the Erie Police Department and the Erie
Credit Bureau failed to reflect any identifiable record with
[REDACTED] b7c

A review of the City Directory for Erie, Pa., reflects
that the address of 3663 West 12th Street is that for the
Driftwood Motel.

On 3/26/74, [REDACTED]
Driftwood Motel, 3663 West 12th Street, Erie, Pa., advised
that he was acquainted with a [REDACTED], who was
a former resident of the motel. He stated that according to
his records, he left the Erie area on 11/20/73, for return to
the State of New York. He stated that [REDACTED] was employed as
a [REDACTED] temporarily in the Erie area and returned to his
home area near [REDACTED] New York. [REDACTED] further advised
that when [REDACTED] was in the Erie area that he was driving a
dark green Plymouth with a vinyl top.

[REDACTED] further advised that a check of his records
revealed that when [REDACTED] left the motel, he gave as his forwarding
address in care of [REDACTED] New York 13280.
[REDACTED] further advised that he believed that [REDACTED] is a
friend of [REDACTED] and that he [REDACTED] a bar in [REDACTED]
New York.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Albany (100-22519)
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b7c In view of the above set out information, it appears that [REDACTED] is a resident of the [REDACTED], New York, area, and, accordingly, no further investigation is being conducted by Pittsburgh concerning him.

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5/9, 1973

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/29/74

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-21616) (C)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
HARTLAND, WISCONSIN
IS - VVAW/WSO

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee letter to Bureau dated 11/13/73; Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/19/74.

Contacts with local law enforcement agencies in Waukesha County and logical sources have failed to reflect any activity by the VVAW/WSO, Waukesha County Chapter, located at 1223 Lisbon Avenue, Hartland, Wisconsin.

On 4/23/74, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the VVAW/WSO Waukesha County Chapter is now defunct and the commune located at 1223 Lisbon Avenue, Hartland, Wisconsin, has broken up and all VVAW/WSO activities for the State of Wisconsin are currently being coordinated by the Milwaukee VVAW/WSO Chapter.

In view of the above information, UACB, the case on the Waukesha County Chapter of the VVAW/WSO is being closed.

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- 2 - BUREAU (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *WRW*
FROM : W. O. Cregar *WOC*

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN
TO IMPEACH NIXON (NCIN), WASHINGTON, D. C.,
APRIL 27, 1974
INTERNAL SECURITY

1 - Mr. E. W. Walsb
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
DATE: 4/25/74

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PURPOSE:

To advise of planned activities and participants
in captioned demonstration.

BACKGROUND:

The national demonstration, including a march
and rally, entitled "Throw the Bum Out," is scheduled for
4/27/74 at Washington, D. C. Major participants of
interest to the Bureau thus far include individuals from
the following organizations: Revolutionary Union (RU),
Attica Brigade (AB), Progressive Labor Party (PLP),
Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), Student Mobiliza-
tion Committee (SMC), Workers World Party, New American
Movement (NAM), Youth International Party (YIP), Youth
Against War and Fascism (YAWF).

There will also be local demonstrations in Chicago
and Los Angeles on 4/27/74 in sympathy with captioned demon-
stration.

A source reportedly advised that the demonstration
in Washington, D. C., will begin at the Ellipse, south of
the White House, beginning at 10 a.m. An "Impeachment Fair"
will be held by the Reflecting Pool between 2 and 3 p.m.
At approximately 3 p.m., RU/AB contingent will break away
from the main demonstration to engage in an unspecified
"militant action." One AB source has expressed the opinion
the target could be the Health, Education and Welfare
Building in a protest of alleged cutbacks in domestic welfare-
type services. Information has also been developed some sort
of side demonstrations will also be held possibly at the
Department of Justice, U. S. Capitol and White House.
Appropriate officials being advised.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Demonstration Sponsored by
National Campaign to Impeach
Nixon (NCIN), Washington, D. C.,
April 27, 1974

Department was advised by letter dated 3/29/74 that in the absence of a specific request, the Bureau did not intend to initiate an investigation of the NCIN nor would any attempt be made to solicit the services of informants for the expressed purpose of traveling to Washington, D. C., to afford coverage of captioned demonstration. As of this date, no reply from Department has been received concerning this matter.

Numerous informants have been authorized to travel to Washington, D. C., for the specific purpose of covering the activities of their respective subversive organizations, so that any acts of violence or confrontation may be promptly brought to the attention of appropriate officials. These sources have been emphatically instructed to take a passive role and to avoid participation in or supporting of any confrontation or violence. These sources have also been advised that Bureau is not interested in legitimate acts of dissent in connection with captioned demonstration.

Any pertinent information furnished by sources will be afforded prompt dissemination to the Department, specifically the Civil Disturbance Unit, Secret Service, local authorities and to any other Governmental agency deemed necessary.

WFO, Chicago and Los Angeles being instructed to follow instructions contained in SAC Letter 72-17 (E) in covering proposed demonstrations. This provision (E), captioned "Lawsuits Against the Bureau," cautions field to utilize utmost discretion in conducting investigations in the security field, specifically in the coverage of demonstrations. It further cautions that information developed should be disseminated to only those agencies which have a legitimate need to receive it.

Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Demonstration Sponsored by
National Campaign to Impeach
Nixon (NCIN), Washington, D. C.,
April 27, 1974

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached teletype be approved and sent.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
CHICAGO

FROM MILWAUKEE (100-22005) (P) 4 PAGES

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO
IMPEACH NIXON (NCIN), WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 27,
1974; IS.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN
THE PAST, ADVISED APRIL 23, 1974, THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU), ATTICA BRIGADE (AB),
VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLIDER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO), AND INDIVIDUAL WELFARE MOTHERS PLAN TO TRAVEL
APRIL 27, 1974, FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN TO CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, TO TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONJUNCTION
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WITH CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION. TO DATE INDIVIDUALS INTEND TO DO SO BY CAR CARAVAN LEAVING FROM ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY CENTER, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, BETWEEN 9:00 AND 10:00 AM, APRIL 27, AND MEET OTHER PARTICIPATING GROUPS AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. ONCE IN CHICAGO, PLANS CALL FOR MARCHING FROM THE FEDERAL BUILDING BEGINNING AT NOON TO THE CIVIC CENTER, CHICAGO, WHERE A DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING FROM MILWAUKEE PRESENTLY ESTIMATED AT FORTY. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BUREAU NITEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL 16, 1974, CAPTIONED "REVOLUTIONARY UNION, IS - CH"; BUREAU NITEL TO CHICAGO APRIL 19, 1974, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

SOURCE UTILIZED IN INSTANT NITEL IS [REDACTED] b2 b7D

REFERENCED BUREAU NITELS AUTHORIZED TRAVEL FROM MILWAUKEE TO CHICAGO FOR PARTICIPATION IN CAPTIONED
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DEMONSTRATION BY [REDACTED]

IN ADDITION,

[REDACTED] MAY MAKE TRIP.

SOURCES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT, CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY, THEIR ROLE IN DEMONSTRATION SHOULD BE PASSIVE AND THEY SHOULD AVOID PARTICIPATING IN OR SUPPORTING ANY CONFRONTATION OR VIOLENCE. EACH HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT UPON RETURN TO MILWAUKEE THEY WILL BE DEBRIEFED CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION THEY POSSESS PERTAINING ONLY TO THOSE ACTIVITIES OF A SUBVERSIVE OR VIOLENT NATURE GIVING SPECIFIC COVERAGE TO THE RU AND ITS RELATED GROUPS.

IN ADDITION SOURCES HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH CHICAGO OFFICE ONLY IN THE EVENT OF CONFRONTATION OR VIOLENCE. IN SUCH EVENT, CHICAGO REQUESTED TO FURNISH MILWAUKEE DIVISION NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACTING AGENT.

WLC [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, SECRET SERVICE, MILWAUKEE,
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WISCONSIN, ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION REGARDING
TRAVEL TO CHICAGO AT 10:30 AM, APRIL 23, 1974.

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Date: 4/12/74

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TO: Director, FBI (100-448092)

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
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(OO: Chicago)

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On 4/10/74, a source of undetermined reliability [REDACTED] to know, furnished the following information to [REDACTED] New York.

Source advised that on 5/4 - 5/74 a regional meeting of the captioned organization will take place at Buffalo, New York with representatives from the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and National Headquarters in attendance. Source advised that the purpose of the meeting would be to determine the course of action to be taken against planned bicentennial activities in Washington, D. C. Conference would also discuss ways of bringing draft resisters back into the United States from Canada. Source advised that [REDACTED] had been contacted concerning [REDACTED]

He stated that the VVAW has expressed an interest in obtaining identification from individuals sympathetic to their cause and furnishing this identification to draft resisters coming back into the country. Source

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 2 - Bureau (RM)
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advised that [REDACTED] had expressed an interest in [REDACTED] and would advise to specific details after the 5/4 - 5/74 meeting. Source advised he was aware of VVAW Chapters at the following colleges in the New York State University system:

New Paltz;

Fredonia;

Elmira;

Buffalo;

Binghamton;

Albany;

Oneonta.

Source stated that VVAW had a chapter in Montreal, Canada, as well as the York University located in Canada. Source advised that the VVAW has not concerned itself with the intelligence operations of local and state police agencies but has expressed concern over FBI intelligence operations. Source advised that VVAW is aware of mail covers and go to great lengths to keep known individuals from attending meetings. ?

Source further advised that [REDACTED]

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Source advised that he had been made aware that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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b7C [REDACTED] SOURCE OF undetermined reliability is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York, a self-admitted
member of the VVAW, [REDACTED] Chapter.

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To: SACs, [REDACTED] b7D 1 - [REDACTED] b7C
Buffalo (100-21122) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (100-448092) - 3637
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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
INTERNAL SECURITY

b7C Re: airtel 4/12/74, no copy furnished BU, reporting information furnished by [REDACTED] a self-admitted member of [REDACTED], New York, VVAW/WSO chapter, whose reliability has not been determined.

Enclosed for Buffalo is one copy of referenced airtel for background.

b7D [REDACTED], recontact [REDACTED] and attempt to secure additional details regarding all areas of information furnished by him and reported in referenced airtel, particularly as concerns his alleged contact with members of the [REDACTED] b7D

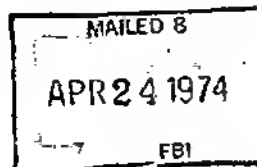
[REDACTED] furnish results in form suitable for dissemination while adequately protecting identity of [REDACTED]. Include in cover communication circumstances of initial [REDACTED] contact with [REDACTED] evaluative comments and observations regarding veracity of his information and motive for cooperation, and your recommendations regarding additional action deemed warranted.

b7D [REDACTED] is also requested to clarify the last sentence of the second paragraph, page 2, of referenced airtel, which mentions "mail covers."

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Airtel to [REDACTED] and Buffalo
RE: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
- Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
100-448092

b7C [REDACTED] information regarding the alleged regional VVAW/WSO meeting 5/4-5/74, of members from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and VVAW/WSO National Headquarters in Buffalo seems strange since Buffalo is headquarters for the VVAW/WSO region comprised of chapters in New York and Northern New Jersey only.

b7D Buffalo, discreetly determine, through appropriate informants (protect [REDACTED] source's identity), if above information regarding a 5/4-5/74 regional meeting in Buffalo is accurate and furnish results to FBIHQ and recipients of instant communication. If accurate, also advise offices covering Ohio and Pennsylvania.

NOTE:

b7D [REDACTED] has submitted, by airtel, information furnished by a current VVAW/WSO member that should properly be reported in form suitable for dissemination. [REDACTED] being instructed to obtain additional details and submit in LHM form along with appropriate observations and recommendations, requesting additional action. Validity of information furnished is also to be checked, per instructions contained herein. b7D

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8:16PM NITEL APRIL 25, 1974 JRB

TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)
ALBANY (100-22519)
CHICAGO (100-50772)
NEW YORK (100-160644)
FROM: BUFFALO (100-21623) (P)

ATTN: INTD

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO); IS.00 :CHICAGO.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TOALBANY, APRIL 25, 1974 AND BUFFALO NITEL TO
BUREAU, APRIL 15, 1974.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL ENCLOSED COPY OF ALBANY AIRTEL DATED APRIL 12,
1974, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. RE ALBANY AIRTEL CONTAINS INFORMATION
b7c FURNISHED [REDACTED] "SELF-ADMITTED MEMBER, [REDACTED] N.Y.
VVAW/WSO CHAPTER."

b7c ON APRIL 25, 1974, [REDACTED] CONTACTED CONCERNING INFORMATION
b7c PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] CONTACT WAS MADE INVOLVING GENERALITIES
IN ORDER TO PROTECT [REDACTED] IDENTITY.

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AS INDICATED IN RE BUFFALO NITEL OATED APRIL 25, 1974, MAY 4 AND 5, 1974 ARE OATES OF NEXT REGIONAL MEETING N.Y. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION, VVAW/WSO, AS STATED BY [REDACTED] STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY MEMBERS OF N.Y.-NEW JERSEY REGION ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. SOURCE STATED N.Y. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION NOW ALSO EMBRACES CONN. AND RHOOE ISLAND REGIONS WHICH HAVE BECOME OEFUNCT. SOURCE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY OELEGATES FROM NY STATE ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE INASMUCH AS NO CHAPTERS EXIST IN NEW JERSEY, CONN. OR RHOOE ISLAND. SOURCE STATED NO MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COLLECTIVE VVAW SLATED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.

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REGARDING LOCATION OF VVAW CHAPTERS IN NY STATE, COURCE ADVISED FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE ACTIVE CHAPTERS: ITHACA, NY CITY, GOSHEN, ROCHESTER, STONE RIDGE (MIO-HUDSON CHAPTER), ONEONTA, POTSDAM AND SELOEN. CHAPTERS AT ALBANY, JAMESTOWN FREDONIA, SAURQUOIT, N.Y. AND METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY NOW OEFUNCT.

SOURCE KNOWS OF NO PLANS TO ESTABLISH "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" TO BRING ORAFT RESISTERS INTO U.S. FROM CANAOA. SOURCE STATED MEMBERS OF

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BUFFALO CHAPTER HAVE MET WITH DRAFT RESISTERS IN TORONTO ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, NO RAILWAY SYSTEM BEING SET UP. SOURCE KNOWS OF NO PLAN REGARDING FALSE IDENTITY OPERATION BEING CONTEMPLATED BY VVAW.

REGARDING VVAW/WSO CHAPTERS IN CANADA, SOURCE HAS STATED THAT N.Y. REGION DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY VVAW/WSO CHAPTERS IN CANADA.

REGARDING VVAW CONTACT WITH CORRECTIONS OFFICER AT CLINTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCF), DANBURY, NY, SOURCE HAS ADVISED

SOURCE HAS PROVIDED BUFFALO OFFICE WITH [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO [REDACTED] N.Y. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND MEMBER OF REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN CONTACT WITH N.Y. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL VVAW/WSO OFFICE. ABOVE INFORMATION PROVIDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] N.Y. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION VVAW/WSO AND [REDACTED] SOURCE HAS PROVIDED EXTREMELY RELIABLE INFORMATION TO DATE AND NO INFORMATION

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PROVIDED HAS BEEN DISCOVERED TO BE INCORRECT. BUFFALO WILL
KEEP BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED CONCERNING ANY OTHER
INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONTAINED IN [REDACTED] REFERRED TO
ABOVE WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO INTERESTED OFFICES AND THE BUREAU
PROMPTLY. INASMUCH AS TO OATO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], NO MENTION OF IT SHOULD
BE MADE TO SOURCES OR ANYONE OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

FROM : *LJS*, ATLANTA (100-8910) (P)

DATE: 4/30/74

SUBJECT: *Q* VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
INTERNAL SECURITY
(ATLANTA DIVISION)

Re Atlanta letter, 3/15/74; Butel to All
Offices, 3/22/74.

No information has been developed indicating
any revival of VVAW/WSO within the Atlanta Division.

In addition, no actions were targeted at the
VA offices or hospitals at Atlanta, on 3/29/74, per the
alert set out in re Butel.

Contact being maintained with sources at Athens
and Atlanta for information indicating development of
VVAW/WSO.

Info copy to Miami in view of outstanding lead.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) - 3640

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WBO); NEW YORK - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
REGIONAL CONFERENCE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 4-5, 1974, IS.

RENYTEL MAY 1, 1974, CAPTIONED "VVAW/WBO, IS."

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO BUFFALO,
NEW YORK, TO ATTEND CAPTIONED CONFERENCE PROVIDED NEW YORK IS
ASSURED OF SOURCE'S RELIABILITY AND PERFORMANCE.

NEW YORK, PROMPTLY DEBRIEF SOURCE UPON HIS RETURN AND
FURNISH HEADQUARTERS AND INTERESTED OFFICES WITH SUMMARY
TELETYPE OF PERTINENT INFORMATION FOLLOWED BY SUBMISSION OF
FORM FD-306 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN SAC
LETTER 72-3. NEW YORK, COORDINATE TRAVEL OF SOURCE WITH
BUFFALO.

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Teletype to New York and Buffalo
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the
War/Winter Soldier Organization
(VVAW/WSO); New York - Northern
New Jersey Regional Conference,
Buffalo, New York, May 4-5, 1974
100-448092

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Classified "Confidential": to protect identity of [redacted]
[redacted] since information regarding source's [redacted]
[redacted] to Buffalo is contained herein, a disclosure
of which could compromise the informant. A regional conference
of VVAW/WSO members from the New York - Northern New Jersey
area is slated for 5/4-5/74 in Buffalo, New York. [redacted]
[redacted] Chapter of VVAW/WSO has been
invited by [redacted] to above
conference with [redacted] Headquarters concurs
with New York in belief that source's attendance at this
conference will enhance his position in VVAW/WSO as well as
his future worth to this Bureau. Source is currently being
paid under SAC authority and no supplemental authorization
has been requested. [redacted] is a Bureau approved source.

Authority being granted for travel to Buffalo by
source because of above and since an informant additional
to [redacted] is needed at the conference. Classified
by 7226, XGDS 2, Indefinite.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-448092

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BUFFALO 100-21623

FROM NEW YORK 100-160644 2P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO). IS.

ON MAY 1, 1974, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VVAW/WSO, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO ATTEND NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW

JERSEY VVAW/WSO REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 4-5,

1974. [REDACTED] TO BUFFALO, MAY 3,

1974. SOURCE BELIEVES HIS ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE WILL ENHANCE
HIS POSITION IN VVAW/WSO.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL OF

[REDACTED] TO BUFFALO, NEW YORK, TO ATTEND VVAW/WSO NEW YORK-

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE, MAY 4-5, 1974. SOURCE CURRENTLY BEING PAID UNDER SAC AUTHORITY. NO SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED.

IF AUTHORIZATION GRANTED, SOURCE WILL BE DEBRIEFED PROMPTLY, A SUMMARY TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED AND FORM FD - 306 WITH INFORMANT'S REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUFFALO FOR INCLUSION IN COMPREHENSIVE LHM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448892) AND
SACS, ALEXANDRIA (100-670)
BALTIMORE
CHICAGO (100-50772)
NEW YORK (100-168644)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-58125) (P) (3P)

ATTN: INTD.

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), AT WASHINGTON,
D. C., JULY 1-4, 1974. IS-VVAW/WSO.

ON APRIL 26, 1974, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL PARKS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, 1100 OHIO DRIVE, S.W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), MADE AVAILABLE AN AMENDMENT TO THE
PERMIT APPLICATION FILED MARCH 4, 1974, BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS
AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO). THE
AMENDMENT REFLECTS THAT THE VVAW/WSO WILL DELETE THE PUBLIC
FORUM SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3, 1974, AT 8:00 P.M. THEY ALSO
CHANGED THE ENTIRE SCENARIO FOR THE DATE OF JULY 2, 1974.
THE FOLLOWING IS THE NEW SCENARIO FOR JULY 2, 1974:

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AT 9:00 A.M. THE GROUP WILL MARCH FROM THE CAMPSITE TO THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, VERMONT AND I STREETS, N.W., STOPPING ON VERMONT AVENUE FOR A SHORT RALLY OF THREE TO FIVE SPEAKERS ADDRESSING THEMSELVES FOR INCREASED VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND A SINGLE TYPE OF DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS.

AT 10:15 A.M., THE GROUP WILL MARCH FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO LAFAYETTE PARK FOR A RALLY TO "KICK NIXON OUT" WITH THREE TO FIVE SPEAKERS. THE GROUP WILL DISPERSE FROM LAFAYETTE PARK.

AT 2:00 P.M. THE GROUP WILL MARCH FROM THE CAMPSITE TO THE COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS FOR A RALLY TO DEMAND UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY. FOLLOWING THE RALLY, THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO THE CAMPSITE AT 3:45 P.M.

THE AMMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION WAS FILED BY [REDACTED] b7c

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, GSA-FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION COGNIZANT.

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THE VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM VETERANS TO PROTEST THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME, VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE VVAW IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR VETERANS. ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAW HAS BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS" CONSIDER THE VVAW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATUTE IN THE U.S. IN APRIL, 1973, THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO VVAW/WSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT VVAW/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.

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RE WFO NITEL, MARCH 5, 1974.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS IS [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]
WFO FOLLOWING.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/1/74

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-54402) (C)

SUBJECT: **SM - VVAW/WSO**
OO: CHICAGO

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Vietnam Veterans Against the War

A preliminary inquiry has been initiated concerning the subject for the purpose of determining if the subject is a leader of activist of the VVAW/WSO, activities of which could involve violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), 2385 (Advocating the Overthrow of the Government), 2387 (Sedition), and 793 (Espionage).

On 9/24/74, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised captioned subject was in attendance at the Midwest Amnesty Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, 9/21-23/73, which was sponsored in part by the VVAW/WSO. This source reported [redacted] on behalf of Chicago Area Military Project, attended this conference in an effort to meet with VVAW/WSO representatives to discuss the possibility of the Chicago Area Military Project functioning as a branch of the VVAW/WSO's national amnesty project. During this conference, policy regarding this matter was not established.

The Chicago Area Military Project is a Chicago based group primarily opposed to U. S. involvement in Southeast Asia. This group is also concerned with changes in military law as well as unconditional amnesty for those who oppose the Vietnam War.

Contact with appropriate sources, who are familiar with various phases of VVAW/WSO activity in the Chicago, Illinois, area, reflects captioned subject is not a member of the Chicago VVAW/WSO Chapter.

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In accordance with Bureau Headquarter instructions in Bulet to all offices dated 3/14/74, and captioned "VVAW/WSO, IS", Chicago is conducting no further investigation regarding captioned subject at this time. Contact with appropriate sources reflects captioned subject, to date, is not an active associate of a revolutionary organization.

In the event subject becomes actively associated with an apparent revolutionary organization, or is an active participant at a meeting or function during which an act which would be in violation of the law is discussed or encouraged, Chicago will conduct appropriate investigation and the Bureau will be appropriately advised.

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W P8:00M NITEL APRIL 25, 1974 JRB

TO: DIRECTOR (100-448092)

ALBANY

CHICAGO (100-50772)

NEW YORK (100-160644)

FROM: BUFFALO (100-21623) (P)

ATTN: INTD

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO); IS. 00: CHICAGO.

ON APRIL 25, 1974 A SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE
NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION VVAW/WSO WILL BE HELD MAY 4, 1974,
AT THE RIVERSIDE SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 25 CALUMET PLACE,
BUFFALO, NY.

VVAW/WSO IS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF VETERANS OF WAR IN VIETNAM THAT HAS
ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST WAR IN
VIETNAM DURING 1970-1972, INCLUDING SEIZURE AND OCCUPATION ON AMERICAN
LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN DECEMBER, 1971. INFORMATION

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HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING SOME CHAPTERS OF VVAW/WSO WERE COOPERATING WITH OR WERE INFILTRATED BY COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA) AND SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP).

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ALBANY AND NEW YORK WILL DETERMINE IF ANY INFORMANTS IN POSITION TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE, IF SO, ADVISE BUFFALO AND SECURE BUREAU AUTHORITY FOR INFORMANTS' TRAVEL.

BUFFALO WILL KEEP BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED RE PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] ^{b2 b7D} WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/5/74

FROM : LEGAT, TOKYO

SUBJECT: PACIFIC COUNSELING SERVICE (PCS)

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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and San Francisco are eight copies of U.S. Naval Investigative Service Report dated 3/25/74. One copy of "Freedom of the Press" is enclosed for the Bureau.

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6:07PM APRIL 26, 1974 NITEL LEB

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: INTO)

FROM KANSAS CITY (100-NEW) P 2P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATION AT TOPEKA
KANSAS, 5/4/74. IS - VVAW; CIVIL UNREST.

ON APRIL 26, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ON MAY 4, 1974, MEMBERS
OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) CHAPTERS
FROM TOPEKA AND LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND THE KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI AREAS WOULD MARCH FROM AN UNRECALLED TOWN APPROXIMATELY
18 MILES OUTSIDE TOPEKA, KANSAS, TO THE KANSAS STATE CAPITOL
AT TOPEKA.

THE SOURCE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WOULD
PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION, BUT INDICATED THE
MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DEMAND AN
END TO THE "FRAME-UP" OF INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,
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FEDERAL PENITENTIARY INMATE ODELL BENNETT, ONE OF THE
LEAVENWORTH BROTHERS.

VVAV WAS FOUNDED IN THE SPRING 1967 BY YOUNG VIETNAM
VETERANS IN NEW YORK CITY. VVAV MEMBERS HAVE LED PUBLIC
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS [REDACTED] b2 b7D

LOCAL AUTHORITIES TOPEKA, KANSAS, U.S. MARSHAL AND
PRISON OFFICIALS, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, ADVISED OF INSTANT
DEMONSTRATION.

ODELL BENNETT IDENTICAL TO CASE ENTITLED "ODELL BENNETT,
ETAL; CGR - MURDER, ETAL", [REDACTED] b2

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FROM [REDACTED] (100-NEW) 3P b7D

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DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY AT
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 27-MAY 4, 1974.
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b7D [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED
BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW), [REDACTED] b7D
FROM AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING THE NAME [REDACTED] (LNU) IN ATLANTA, b7C
GEORGIA. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS CALLING FROM THE PROGRESSIVE
LABOR PARTY (PLP), TELEPHONE 484-622-2475. THE [REDACTED] b7D
VVAW WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE PART IN THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION
TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ON MAY 4, 1974. HE ADVISED
THAT THOSE TO PARTICIPATE FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED
STATES WOULD MEET IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON THE EVENING OF
MAY 2, 1974, AND WOULD REMAIN IN ATLANTA UNTIL THE MORNING
OF MAY 3, 1974, AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF CONVOY FROM DIFFERENT
SECTIONS.

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THE COMBINED CONVOY WILL LEAVE ATLANTA ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3, 1974, TRAVELING TO RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY WILL MEET WITH THE CONVOY FROM THE EASTERN UNITED STATES. THIS CONVOY WILL THEN TRAVEL TOGETHER TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 4, 1974.

b7C [REDACTED] ADVISED ALL GROUPS PARTICIPATING CAN CARRY THEIR OWN BANNERS AND PARTICIPATE UNDER THE NAME OF THEIR OWN GROUP. HE SAID DETAILS FOR THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE PROVIDED IN ATLANTA ON MAY 2, 1974.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE VVAW [REDACTED] CHAPTER VOTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION AND APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] WILL LEAVE [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] ON THE MORNING OF MAY 2, 1974, TO TRAVEL TO ATLANTA. SOURCE

b7D STATED AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 4, 1974, THE VVAW DELEGATION FROM [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] WOULD TRAVEL DIRECTLY BACK TO [REDACTED]

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR [REDACTED] b2 b7D [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 4, 1974. AN ADVANCE OF \$170 IS REQUESTED.

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INCLUDING \$94 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND \$76 FOR EXPENSES. UPON RETURN SOURCE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DEBRIEFED AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO ALL INTERESTED OFFICES. STRICT ACCOUNTING WILL BE MADE TO EXACT EXPENSES INCURRED BY SOURCE. IF AUTHORITY FOR TRAVEL IS GRANTED, WFO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH [REDACTED] WITH INFORMATION OF AGENT TO BE CONTACTED IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

[REDACTED] WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE OF FURTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-448092) DATE: 4/26/74

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-2118) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, INC.

VVAW/WSO NATIONAL OFFICE

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Dear Friend,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Winter Soldier, the national newspaper of Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization. This newspaper is published monthly by the National Collective of the organization and is circulated throughout the country and overseas by our chapters.

If we are not already on your mailing list, we would appreciate an exchange subscription with your publication. Also, if you are interested in receiving more than one copy of the newspaper for purposes of distribution, arrangements can be made with this office.

In Solidarity,

Bernie P. Adams
National Collective,
VVAW/WSO

P.S. As soon as we can get someone to write you in German we will send you a letter. Sorry we are so poor in languages.

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11:00PM NITEL APRIL 30, 1974 JCR

TO: DIRECTOR (ATTN: INTD)
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

FROM: BUFFALO (100-NEW) (P) (3P)

VVAW/NSO, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE
MEETING; ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, JUNE 7-9, 1974,
IS - VVAW/NSO. OO: ST. LOUIS.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, APRIL 29, 1974 CAPTIONED [REDACTED]

SM - VVAW/NSO."

REFERENCED BUREAU AIRTEL INSTRUCTED BUFFALO TO FURNISH
AVAILABLE INFO RE CAPTIONED MEETING TO ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO
OFFICES.

ON APRIL 22, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED CAPTIONED MEETING PLANNED
AT VVAW/NSO NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM), MILWAUKEE,
APRIL 11-15, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED DELEGATES TO NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AT NSCM WILL MEET JUNE 7-9, 1974 IN ST. LOUIS,
MISSOURI TO SET UP INTERNAL STRUCTURES TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL ATTACKS
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AGAINST VVAW/WSO. VVAW/WSO CURRENTLY FEELS GOVERNMENT STRATEGY CHANGING REGARDING ARREST OR INDICTMENT OF "MOVEMENT PEOPLE." IT IS FELT THAT MORE INDICTMENTS AND ARRESTS WILL COME DOWN ON "FLAKEY" PEOPLE RATHER THAN "STRONG POLITICOS." IT IS ALSO FELT GOVERNMENT WILL NO LONGER BRING CONSPIRACY CHARGES AGAINST PEOPLE SINCE GOVERNMENT REALIZES IT CANNOT WIN CONSPIRACY OR POLITICAL CASES. GOVERNMENT WILL, THEREFORE, BRING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST MOVEMENT PEOPLE. VVAW/WSO THEREFORE MUST BE WARY OF MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE ANY KIND OF CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT. THE VVAW/WSO CAN BE ATTACKED POLITICALLY THROUGH MEMBERS WHO ARE "BORDERLINE PEOPLE." ONE EXAMPLE GIVEN IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE ARREST OF SOMEONE AT VVAW/WSO NATIONAL COLLECTIVE OFFICE ON DOPE CHARGE.

THIS WOULD NECESSITATE POLITICAL DEFENSE BECAUSE NATIONAL OFFICE IS PUBLICLY KNOWN TO BE A CLEAN AREA WHERE NO DRUGS ARE KEPT. IF ANY ARREST WERE MADE THERE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ASSUMED THAT DRUGS WERE PLANTED. IN SUCH A SITUATION, THE VVAW/WSO WOULD ORGANIZE TO ACCEPT THAT ARREST AS A POLITICAL ATTACK

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ON THE ORGANIZATION.

ARREST OF MEMBERS ON PURELY CRIMINAL CHARGES, IF MEMBERS WERE IN FACT INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, WOULD NOT NECESSITATE POLITICAL DEFENSE OF THE MEMBER BY THE ORGANIZATION.

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b7D [REDACTED] CURRENTLY INTENDS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. BUFFALO

WILL KEEP BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED OF ANY INFO DEVELOPED RE CONFERENCE.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE
Date 4/29/74

Attached advisee that on 5/4/74 Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) chapters from Topeka; Lawrence, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, would march on the State Capitol at Topeka, Kansas, to demand an end to the "frame-up" of inmate Odell Bennett, who is incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. No information is available indicating number of participants expected to take part in march and no information has been received indicative of violence at this time.

VVAW was founded in 1967 by young veterans for purpose of protesting United States involvement in Vietnam. This organization has previously sponsored demonstrations, some of which ended in violence. Current leadership of VVAW are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine.

Odell Bennett is one of group of inmate called "Leavenworth Brothers" who were indicted for participation in riot at Leavenworth Penitentiary 7/31/73 and who, in protest, went on a hunger strike and has been confined to solitary.

Local authorities have been advised and copies of attached are being sent to Secret Service and Internal Security Section, the General Crimes Section and Civil Disturbance Unit of Criminal Division of Department.

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ACTION:

None. You will be kept advised.

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FROM: BUFFALO (100-21623) (P)

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR / WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) IS.

RENYTEL TO BUREAU, MAY 1, 1974.

RENYTEL REQUESTED BUREAU AUTHORITY TO SEND [REDACTED] b2 b7D
TO VVAW/WSO CONFERENCE, BUFFALO, MAY 4-5, 1974.

SHOULD BUREAU AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO SEND SOURCE,
NY SHOULD INSTRUCT SOURCE THAT SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT
HE MAY CONTACT SA [REDACTED] OF THE BUFFALO OFFICE, AT b7C

b2 CONFIDENTIAL PHONE NO. [REDACTED] SOURCE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED
THAT ANY CONTACT WITH THE BUFFALO OFFICE SHOULD BE MADE
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UNDER CONDITIONS AFFORDING COMPLETE SECURITY TO SOURCE.
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RE BUFFALO NITEL TO BUREAU, APRIL 25, 1974.

ON APRIL 30, 1974, A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY IN A POSITION TO KNOW, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] NEW YORK VVAW/WSO CHAPTER WOULD BE SENDING [REDACTED] REPRESENTATIVES TO THE REGIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK MAY 4-5, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HEAD OF THE VVAW/WSO, [REDACTED] NEW YORK, AND [REDACTED], ECONOMICS MAJOR AT STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, [REDACTED] NEW YORK, WOULD DEPART [REDACTED] NEW YORK ON [REDACTED] THEY WILL BE [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED

MEMBER FROM [REDACTED] WILL DEPART EARLY ON [REDACTED] AND IS

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[REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

VVAW/WSO MEMBERS FROM CHAPTERS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY,
PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO WOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. SOURCE HAS
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE VVAW/WSO [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

NEW YORK.

ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO DEVELOP [REDACTED] AS SOURCE IN
VVAW MATTERS.

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Date: 5/1/74

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21603) (P)

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
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(VVAW/WSO)
DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
MARCH 29, 1974

Re St. Louis airtel and LHM to Bureau, 3/26/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM re captioned demonstration. Copies of enclosed LHM have been furnished locally to the United States Attorney and the Veterans Administration Regional Director in St. Louis, Missouri.

Confidential source is located on Non-Symbol Source Page. Second confidential source is [REDACTED], located in [REDACTED]

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(protect by request), St. Louis City Police Department,
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(VVAW/WSO)
DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
MARCH 29, 1974

The VVAW was formed in 1967 as an organization of Vietnam veterans to protest American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia. Since that time, VVAW leaders have told members the VVAW is a revolutionary group, not "just another group of war veterans". Also, the membership has been told the VVAW has been asked to cooperate on an international level with many organizations, including communist and Maoist groups. Additionally, it was indicated that "anti-imperialist groups" consider the VVAW a potent organization of similar stature in the United States. In April, 1973, the group changed their name to VVAW/WSO so that non-veterans could be come members. Current VVAW/WSO national officers are Marxist-Leninist oriented and strive to educate their membership in Marxist-Leninist doctrine.

The St. Louis VVAW/WSO was formed in June, 1969 and affiliated with the National VVAW during 1971. Purpose of

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**VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE
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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
MARCH 29, 1974**

the organization is to work for peace and the rights of minority groups through peaceful demonstrations; however, members have recently participated in guerrilla type training and reportedly have a cache of arms in case "it is needed in the streets".

On April 4, 1974 a confidential source whose reliability has been established advised that several members of VVAW/WSO were observed picketing and passing out literature in front of the Methadon Center, Cochran Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, 915 North Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, at approximately 12:40 p.m., March 29, 1974. Between 2:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. six members of VVAW/WSO, St. Louis Chapter, met with Mr. Steve Savis, Director the the VA, St. Louis, Missouri. The group left Mr. Savis' Office at approximately 4:45 p.m. There were no incidents or arrests during this demonstration.

On April 15, 1974 a second confidential source, whose reliability has been established in the past, advised that seven members of the St. Louis Chapter of the VVAW/WSO participated in a demonstration against the VA in St. Louis, Missouri at the VA Methadon Treatment Center, 915 North Grand, and at the Regional Director's Office, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 29, 1974. The results of a meeting held at the Regional Director's Office of the VA was that the VVAW/WSO will submit a proposal to the VA, whereupon the VA will arrange so that four or five VVAW/WSO members could receive training to become VA counselors at a Veterans Service Center in the Soulard area of St. Louis, Missouri.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: 4/25/74

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : R. L. Shackelford *RLS*

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO)
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NSCM)
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
APRIL 11 - 15, 1974

PURPOSE:

To advise of the highlights of VVAW/WSO NSCM in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 11 - 15, 1974.

BACKGROUND:

Six sources, including one in the National Office of the VVAW/WSO, attended captioned meeting. Sources advised that approximately 80 representatives of VVAW/WSO Chapters throughout the United States attended this meeting. Five main objectives were adopted and will be stressed in forthcoming activities, particularly during mass demonstrations scheduled for July 1 - 4, 1974 in Washington, D. C., at which approximately 3,000 people are expected to participate. These objectives are:

1. Universal and unconditional amnesty.
2. End of all support of the Thieu regime in Vietnam and Lon Noll regime in Cambodia.
3. Decent benefits for all veterans.
4. Full employment and education for all veterans.
5. "Kick Nixon out."

Discussions indicated VVAW/WSO will merge for one-year trial period with the National Unitarian Organization of Churches (NUOC) which will provide funding and political support in the fight for amnesty, discharge upgrading and veterans issues. NUOC has not been fully identified as yet and there are no references in FBI Headquarters files.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Vietnam Veterans Against the War/
Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO)
National Steering Committee Meeting (NSCM)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 11 - 15, 1974

Reportedly the majority of members support an anti-imperialist stance to build a mass organization which can appeal to leftists, anticommunists, communists, and individuals of all political persuasions which, as a consequence, appeals to a broad base of people. Thereafter, a grass roots political party can be formed which later can become anticapitalist in nature. The New York delegation felt the National Collective has developed an "elitist attitude" regarding the National Collective's role in the organization, feeling it is detached and superior to the mass membership. Samuel Schorr, number one national coordinator and leading Marxist-Leninist advocate, was reelected to the National Collective and Peter Zastrow, regional coordinator, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected to the National Collective. Twelve workshops were held dealing with "death" drugs, amnesty, implant organizing, GI organizing, national defense, Indochina, mass demonstration organizing, VVAW/WSO objectives, prisons, general projects, Veterans Administration, and "Winter Soldier" publication. The next National Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 8 - 12, 1974, and probably will take place in Buffalo, New York.

Security informants in attendance are being debriefed in detail and any additional pertinent facts will be brought to your attention.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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LEAVENWORTH BROTHERS OFFENSE-DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LBO-DC) - SPONSORED

MARCH, LECOMPTON, KANSAS, TO TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAY 4-6, 1974;
DEMONSTRATION TOPEKA, KANSAS MAY 6, 1974, IS - VVAV-WSO UNREST.

THE TRIAL OF GOELL BENNETT IN USOC, TOPEKA, KANSAS, CONTINUED
THROUGH THE SECOND DAY ON MAY 7, 1974. NO DEMONSTRATION WAS CON-
DUCTED BY THE LEAVENWORTH BROTHERS OFFENSE-DEFENSE COMMITTEE
(LBO-DC), HOWEVER, SOME MEMBER OF THE GROUP WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT
THE TRIAL. COURT OFFICIALS NOTED SEVERAL PERSONS FROM THE LBO-
DC GROUP MOVING IN AND OUT OF THE COURTROOM, HOWEVER NOT MORE THAN
TEN TO TWELVE APPEARED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY TIME.

NO INCIDENT OF ANY KIND OCCURRED IN US COURT HOUSE OR IN
THE COURTROOM AND THERE IS NO OTHER ACTIVITY BY PERSONS FROM THE
LBO-DC GROUP.

LBO-DC WAS FORMED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR --
WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS
AT KANSAS CITY, MO., IN SUPPORT OF AND TO RAISE MONEY FOR OFFENSE
OF INMATES AT THE USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, PARTICIPATING IN THE
RIOTS AT THAT INSTITUTION ON JULY 31, 1973.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR - WINTER SOLDIERS ORGANIZATION
WAS FOUNDED IN THE SPRING OF 1967 BY YOUNG VIETNAM VETERANS IN
NEW YORK CITY. MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE LED PUBLIC DEMON-
STRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE,
REFERENCE NITEL MAY
~~43-387, 13, 8537-26~~ 7, 1974.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE BENNETT TRIAL AND ANY
ACTIVITIES OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL.
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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (100-21623) (P)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW)/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO)
IS

On 4/22/74, [REDACTED] advised that the next National Steering Committee Meeting of the VVAW/WSO will be held 8/8-12/74. The New York Region is the proposed site. [REDACTED] who is the Regional Coordinator of the New York-Northern New Jersey Region, is pushing for Buffalo to be the site of the meeting.

[REDACTED] also advised that on 6/7-9/74, there will be a meeting of the National Defense Committee of the VVAW/WSO at St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of this meeting will be to set up a means of determining at a moment's notice whether an arrest of a VVAW/WSO member on a criminal charge is legitimate or a political attack on the organization.

Buffalo will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised regarding above activities.

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FROM DIRECTOR ^{SEC-86} FBI (100-448092) — *3451*

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WBO); INTERNAL SECURITY.

REALTEL MAY 8, 1974.

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UPON CONCLUSION OF PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION, SUBMIT TELETYPE
SUMMARIZING PERTINENT EVENTS AND FOLLOW WITH COMMUNICATION
SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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Referenced communication advises that the Buffalo chapter
of VVAW plans to demonstrate 5/10/74 at the Statler Hilton
Hotel, Buffalo, New York, where Vice President Gerald Ford is
scheduled to make an appearance. Referenced communication did
not instruct Buffalo to make local dissemination of this
information. Contents of referenced teletype have been
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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092) (ATTN: INDT)

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FROM ALBANY (100-22519) (P) 1P

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO), IS. OO CHICAGO.

ON MAY 6, 1974, SOURCE WITH WHOM THERE HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT
CONTACT TO DETERMINE HIS RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT HE HAD
ATTENDED THE REGIONAL VVAW/WSO MEETING IN BUFFALO HELD ON
MAY 4-5, 1974. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE BUFFALO CHAPTER OF
THE VVAW PLANS TO DEMONSTRATE MAY 10, 1974, AT THE STALLER
HILTON, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, WHERE VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORO
IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

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CHICAGO (100-50772)

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FROM BUFFALO (100-21623) (P) 4P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW)/

WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO) NEW YORK-

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL CONFERENCE, BUFFALO,

NEW YORK, MAY 4-5, 1974, IS

ON MAY 5, 1974, A SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF
VVAW/WSO N.Y.-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION HELD RIVERSIDE SALEM
CHURCH, 25 CALUMET PLACE, BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 4-5, 1974. SOURCE
PROVIDED FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF INFO RE CONFERENCE:

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APPROXIMATELY 28 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT _____
CONFERENCE, ALL OF THEM DELEGATES FROM VVAW/WSO CHAPTERS WITHIN
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NYS. SESSION ON SAT. RAN FROM 11:00 AM THROUGH 8:30 PM AND ON SUN. FROM 12:00 NOON THROUGH 9:30 PM. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18, 1974 AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, N.Y. WILL CONSIST OF GUERRILLA THEATRE, A RALLY, AND LEAFLETING. PERMITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION. NO VIOLENCE OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE CONTEMPLATED. RESPONSE FROM REGIONAL MEMBERS, HOWEVER, DISAPPOINTING TO DATE AND DEMONSTRATION COULD BE A FLOP.

DISCUSSION OCCURRED RE SENDING OF LETTER TO VVAW/WSO NATIONAL COLLECTIVE IN CHICAGO RE MANIPULATION OF MEETING AT LAST NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF VVAW/WSO AT MILWAUKEE, APRIL 11-15, 1974. DELEGATES DECIDED MANIPULATION PROBABLY NOT DELIBERATE ON PART OF NATIONAL COLLECTIVE, HENCE LETTER WILL NOT BE SENT. THE NEXT NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF VVAW/WSO WILL BE AT BUFFALO, N.Y., AUG. 8-12, 1974. THE NEXT REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF N.Y.-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION WILL
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BE AT NIGH FALLS, N.Y., JULY 26-27, 1974. ALTERNATE LOCATION WILL
BE ONEONTA, N.Y. NIGH FALLS, N.Y. BELIEVED TO BE SITE OF LAND

b7c [REDACTED] MEMBER OF MID-NUOSON CNAPTER OF VVAW/WSO,
AND IF CONDITIONS PERMIT, REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE "CAMP OUT" ON
THIS LAND.

VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN ORGANIZATION OF VIETNAM
VETERANS TO PROTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME VVAW LEADERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS THE VVAW
IS A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, NOT "JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF WAR
VETERANS." ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN TOLD THE VVAW HAS
BEEN ASKED TO COOPERATE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH MANY
ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AND MAOIST GROUPS.
ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST GROUPS"
CONSIDER THE VVAW A POTENT ORGANIZATION OF SIMILAR STATURE IN
THE U.S. IN APRIL, 1973 THE GROUP CHANGED THEIR NAME TO
VVAW/WSO SO THAT NON-VETERANS COULD BECOME MEMBERS. CURRENT
VVAW/WSO NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTED AND
STRIVE TO EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE.
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COMPREHENSIVE LHM WILL FOLLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAC

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WART/ WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
WVAW/WSO. OO: CHICAGO.

ON INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED] N.Y. STATE POLICE
ADVISED THAT A NYSP INFORMANT RELATED THAT AT VVAW REGIONAL
MEETING, BUFFALO, N.Y. ON EVENING OF 5/3/74, ANNOUNCEMENT WAS
MADE [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF THE VVAW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE CONFERENCE, HE
WAS [REDACTED]

NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

OF THE ALBANY DIVISION.

ABOVE INFO SUBMITTED IN THE EVENT [REDACTED] IS A SOURCE OF THE
BUFFALO OR NEW YORK DIVISIONS.

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7/5 Recipients are requested to promptly
END 3/23/74 Headquarters what their sources at
b1C 3/23/74 Meeting in BU on 5/3/74
reported regarding the allegations made
from [REDACTED] New York.
CML/mcg. 5/6/74.

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER

SOLOIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO); IS.

OO: CHICAGO.

RE NEW YORK TELCALL TO BUFFALO, MAY 6, 1974 AND ALBANY
TEL, MAY 5, 1974, INDICATING [REDACTED] DELEGATE TO VVAW
CONFERENCE AT BUFFALO, [REDACTED] IN
EVENING OF MAY 3, 1974, AT CONFERENCE.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED] PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
EX-115 REC-77
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

SOURCE KNEW OF NO MEETING ON MAY 3, 1974.

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AT A VVAW/WSO SOCIAL FUNCTION, LATE EVENING OF MAY 4,

1974 [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED

THAT NO CONCRETE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO VVAV/NSO INDICATING
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THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS REALIZED BY
VWAW/NSO [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN BUFFALO
BY [REDACTED] HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN
VWAW/NSO FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE BROUGHT
TO THE ATTENTION OF BUFFALO OFFICE.

RE NEW YORK TELCALL TO BUFFALO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c
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BUREAU AND NEW YORK WILL BE IMMEDIATELY APPRAISED
OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING [REDACTED] SHOULD THEY ARISE.

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ORGANIZATION (VVAW/NSO); IS - VVAW/NSO; OO: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST ADVISED INSTANT OATE, HE OBTAINED A HANDOUT DEPICTING A DEMONSTRATION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) HOSPITAL, WOOD, WIS., ON MAY 17, NEXT, SPONSORED BY CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, DEPICTING A WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (WSO) INVESTIGATION, WHICH WILL EXPOSE THE EXTENT OF CRIMES BEING COMMITTED ON THE VETERANS BY THE VA HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AND ALSO TESTIMONY TO BE GIVEN EXPOSING THE MAGNITUDE ~~REQUIR~~ ¹⁰⁰⁻⁴⁴⁸⁰⁹² WAR CRIMES IN INDOCHINA. THIS DEMONSTRATION IS PART OF THE NATIONAL VVAM/WSO CAMPAIGN BUILOING TOWARDS A NATIONAL ACTION

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SCHEDULED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1-4, NEXT. THE HANDOUT INVITES OPEN TESTIMONY BY ALL VETS WHO HAVE HAD OR ARE NOW HAVING PROBLEMS OR COMPLAINTS WITH THE VA HOSPITAL SYSTEM. THE OPEN TESTIMONY GIVEN ON THIS DATE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE VA DURING THE NATIONAL ACTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1-4, NEXT.

APPROXIMATELY 20-30 EXPECTED TO ATTEND. DEMONSTRATION WILL BE PICKET-TYPE DEMONSTRATION WITH LEAFLETING, AND NO VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCE ANTICIPATED.

MIPD, SECRET SERVICE, VA HOSPITAL SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION ADVISED.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR (100-448092)

CHICAGO

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-77703) (P) 3P

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION
(VVAW/WSO). IS. 00: CHICAGO.

SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST, ADVISED FIVE MEMBERS OF THE VVAW/WSO FROM THE LOS
ANGELES AREA MET MAY 3, 1974 AND ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS
CONCERNING A PLANNED SIT-IN TO BE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF LOS
ANGELES MAYOR THOMAS M. BRADLEY. SOURCE REPORTED THE SIT-IN IS
SCHEDULED TO OCCUR ON THE DAY MAYOR BRADLEY ALLOWS CITIZENS
TO AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES IN HIS OFFICE PROBABLY DURING THE
PERIOD 5/16-20/74. THE SIT-IN WILL BE PEACEFUL IN NATURE AND
AIMED AT ENCOURAGING BRADLEY TO TAKE POSITIVE MEASURES TO
REMEDY PROBLEMS INCURRED BY VETERANS. THE SIT-IN WILL LAST
SEVERAL DAYS AND BETWEEN TEN TO FIFTEEN VVAW/WSO MEMBERS WILL
PARTICIPATE.

INQUIRY AT LOS ANGELES INDICATES MAYOR BRADLEY'S MONTHLY

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VA Cattrn: [redacted]

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OPEN HOUSE CURRENTLY SCHEOULEO FOR MAY 22, 1974 FROM 9:00
A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 200 NORTH SPRING STREET,
LDS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

A REVIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES
INDICATES SOURCE ONE, DN MARCH 20, 1974, PROVIDED INFORMATION
THAT AT THE ANTIDCH NATIDNAL STEERING CDMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
VVAW/WSD THE BDDY PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FDR THE ORGAN-
IZATION TO CDNOUCT CDNSERTED VVAW DEMDNSTRATIONS WHICH WOULD
HELP PREPARE FOR THE NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. IN JULY, 1974. REGIONAL OEMONSTRATIONS WERE CALLEO FOR
BETWEEN MAY 17 AND 18, 1974, WHICH WOULD SERVE TO ALLDW CHAPTERS
TO GAUGE WHAT KINO OF SUPPORT THEY HAVE IN THE CDMMUNITY
PRIOR TO PREPARING FDR THE WASHINGTON DEMDNSTRATION.

THE VVAW WAS FORMED IN 1967 AS AN DRGANIZATION DF
VIETNAM VETERANS TO PRDTEST AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT
IN THE WAR IN SDUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THAT TIME,
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THE 11TH NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, VVAW, WAS HELD AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, 12/27-31/73, AND IS MORE COMMONLY CALLED THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE VVAW, A NATIONAL POLICY GROUP.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE ONE IS [REDACTED] ^{b2} ^{b7D}THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ADVISED BY SA [REDACTED] ^{b7C}

[REDACTED] ON MAY 8, 1974:

LOS ANGELES PO - PUBLIC DISORDER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MILWAUKEE (100-15674)
FROM CHICAGO (100-50772)

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(VVAW/WSO). IS - VVAW/WSO.

SOURCE, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER VVAW/WSO MEMBERS
FROM CHICAGO CHAPTER OR NATIONAL OFFICERS WILL ASSIST
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER VVAW/WSO WITH DEMONSTRATION AT VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, WOODS, WISCONSIN, MAY 17, 1974.
SOURCE ADVISED ADDITIONALLY *ST 109* THERE IS PLANNED A "CAR CARAVAN"
IN MILWAUKEE COMMENCING NOON, MAY 18, 1974, WITH MEMBERS
OF MILWAUKEE, CHICAGO, AND POSSIBLY OTHER CLOSE-BY CHAPTERS
DRIVING PRIVATE AUTOS AROUND MILWAUKEE DISPLAYING SIGNS
AND PLACARDS. THEME AND PURPOSE UNKNOWN. EITHER FOLLOWING
OR PRECEDING "CAR CARAVAN" THERE IS TO BE VVAW/WSO SPONSORED
"DRUG PROBLEM" WORKSHOP, LOCATION UNKNOWN. UNDETERMINED
NUMBER VVAW/WSO CHICAGO MEMBERS TO ATTEND "CAR CARAVAN"
AND DRUG WORKSHOP. NO VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCE ANTICIPATED.

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RE MILWAUKEE TEL MAY 6, 1974.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE ABOVE EXPECTED TO BE PROMULGATED
AT VVAV/WSO CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING MAY 14, 1974.

BUREAU AND MILWAUKEE WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

FBI HQ AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO SEND ABOVE SOURCE TO
MILWAUKEE ON MAY 17, 18, 1974, SHOULD HE BE ASKED OR
EXPECTED TO GO. SOURCE'S EXPENSES CAN BE COVERED WITHOUT
ADDITIONAL REQUEST. SOURCE WILL BE DEBRIEFED IMMEDIATELY
UPON HIS RETURN AND PERTINENT INFO PROPERLY DISSEMINATED.

FOR INFORMATION OF MILWAUKEE, SOURCE'S COVER NAME IS

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MILWAUKEE IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH NAME OF AGENT AND
PHONE NUMBER FOR USE BY SOURCE IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY, IF
AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR SOURCE'S TRAVEL.

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MILWAUKEE (100-15674)

MAY 13, 1974

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092) — 3658

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO); IS

RECGTEL DATED MAY 10, 1974.

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VVAW/WSO-SPONSORED "CAR CARAVAN" ON MAY 18, 1974, PROVIDED SUCH TRAVEL IS RESPONSIVE TO HIS BEING ASKED AND IS EXPECTED OF HIM. IF SUCH IS NOT THE CASE, HE SHOULD NOT TRAVEL SINCE MILWAUKEE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS SUFFICIENT SOURCES NECESSARY FOR SUCH COVERAGE.

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NOTE:

Chicago requested authority for [REDACTED] to travel to Milwaukee to participate in the VVAW/WSO "car caravan." Source advised that members of Milwaukee, Chicago, and possibly other close by chapters of VVAW/WSO would be driving automobiles around Milwaukee displaying signs and placards. Theme and purpose were unknown to source. No violence or disturbance is anticipated. Chicago requested authority, should source be asked and expected to go, to travel 5/17-18/74. Expenses incurred would be handled out of currently authorized regular expenses.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448092)

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NEW YORK (100-16044)

FROM [REDACTED] (P) 3Pb1D

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VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER
ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO); INTERNAL SECURITY.

ON MAY 14, 1974, A SOURCE OF THE [REDACTED] OFFICE WHO HAS
PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT 12 NOON,
MAY 18, 1974, MEMBERS OF NEW YORK - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
REGION OF VVAW WILL HOLD DEMONSTRATION AT U. S. MILITARY
ACADEMY, WEST POINT, N. Y. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PARADE PERMIT
HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY VVAW/WSO AND DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE AFFORDED
POLICE PROTECTION. SOURCE ADVISED DEMONSTRATION WILL BE PEACEFUL,
PROBABLY CONSISTING OF LEAFLETING, RALLY, AND POSSIBLY GUERRILLA
THEATER.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT PICNIC WILL BE HELD BY GROUP IN LOCAL
PARK AFTER DEMONSTRATION.

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SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED]

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BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO SEND SOURCE TO DEMONSTRATION AT WEST POINT INASMUCH AS SOURCE IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. IT IS ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF SOURCE CAN BE HANDLED OUT OF FUNDS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE APPROPRIATE
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK, REGARDING VVAW PLANS.

b7C [REDACTED], INVESTIGATOR, BCI, N.Y. STATE POLICE, [REDACTED], b2D

N.Y., ADVISED REGARDING ABOVE.

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DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT,
NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR/
WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MAY 18, 1974;
INTERNAL SECURITY - VVAW/WSO.

RE [REDACTED] MAY 14, 1974, CAPTIONED "VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION; INTERNAL SECURITY." b2 b7D

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] TO ATTEND CAPTIONED
DEMONSTRATION. INSTRUCT SOURCE TO PROMPTLY FURNISH NEW YORK
OFFICE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANS FOR VIOLENCE OR
ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DURING DEMONSTRATION, PROVIDED SAME CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED SECURELY. [REDACTED] FURNISH NEW YORK CODE NAME OF
SOURCE, DATE AND TIME OF PLANNED ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK OFFICE
TERRITORY, EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT DEMONSTRATION
FROM [REDACTED] AND DETAILS OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES BY THESE
INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE DEMONSTRATION. NEW YORK

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TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] AND NEW YORK
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RE: DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT,
NEW YORK, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO), MAY 18, 1974

b7D FURNISH [REDACTED] NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACTING AGENT.
UPON SOURCE'S RETURN, [REDACTED] FOLLOW REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS
SET OUT IN SAC LETTER 72-3.

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b7D In connection with above demonstration, VVAW/WSO has obtained permission to assemble and park vehicles at the U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, New York, and march from this point to the municipal parking lot at Highland Falls, New York, where a rally with speakers will be held. VVAW/WSO stated purposes in holding above demonstration are to promote "universal and unconditional amnesty for deserters and draft resisters; implementing the agreement of 1/27/73, and ending aid to Thieu and Lon Nol; a single type discharge for all vets; decent benefits for all vets; and kicking Nixon out." On same date, USMA will be celebrating Armed Forces Day and New York Governor Malcolm Wilson will be commencement speaker at Ladycliff College, Highland Falls, New York. [REDACTED] advises demonstration will be peaceful, probably consisting of leafletting, rally and possible guerrilla theater. Referenced teletype requested FBIHQ authority for source to attend captioned demonstration inasmuch as he is expected to go by VVAW/WSO. Expenses connected with same will be handled out of currently authorized funds. [REDACTED] was designated a security informant on 11/23/73 and furnishes information regarding chapter, regional and national VVAW/WSO activities. He is paid up to \$250 per month for services and up to \$75 per month for expenses. [REDACTED] is only informant from office other than the NY Office, [REDACTED], authorized to attend above demonstration. Intelligence Division believes such travel is essential to informant's cover and will assist in our coverage of this matter.

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ON MAY 4-5/74, A NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY VVAW/WSO REGIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE SALEM UNITY CHURCH, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, WITH NINE VVAW/WSO CHAPTER REPRESENTED. A TOTAL OF 29 VVAW MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING THIRTEEN FEMALES AND EIGHT VIETNAM VETERANS. DURING THE MAY 4, 1974 SESSION, *b7c* [REDACTED] VVAW/WSO REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR, PRESENTED A FINANCIAL REPORT DISCLOSING A BALANCE OF \$4.59 IN THE REGIONAL TREASURY.

ROUND-ROBIN REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED BY DELEGATES FROM EACH CHAPTER REFLECTING ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED OR PLANNED IN EACH VVAW CHAPTER AREA. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE PLANNED VVAW/WSO DEMONSTRATION AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, ON MAY 18, 1974. THIS DEMONSTRATION WAS ENDORSED BY THE DELEGATES WITH *b7c* [REDACTED] MAKING A STRONG PLEA FOR SUPPORT. HE COMMENTED THAT THAT DEMONSTRATION WOULD SERVE AS A BUILDING BLOCK FOR THE JULY 1-4, 1974, VVAW/WSO DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC). HE STATED THIS DEMONSTRATION MUST RECEIVE EXTENSIVE NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL WDC DEMONSTRATION.

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ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS WERE DISCUSSED CONCERNING THE WEST POINT DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING THE CONTACTING OF NEWS MEDIA AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS AND POSTERS. IT WAS ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 200-400 DEMONSTRATORS WERE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT DEMONSTRATION.

DURING THE MAY 5, 1974 MEETING, FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD CONCERNING THE WEST POINT AND WDC DEMONSTRATIONS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEMBERS SHOULD AVOID BEING ARRESTED DURING THE WEST POINT DEMONSTRATION AS THIS WOULD CUT DOWN VVAW MEMBERSHIP AND WOULD HINDER SUPPORT OF THE WDC DEMONSTRATION. REGARDING THE WDC DEMONSTRATION, PLANS FOR VIOLENCE WERE NOT FORMULATED, HOWEVER, COMMENTS WERE MADE THAT WHEN A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE "ESTABLISHMENT" AND THE "PEOPLE IN THE STREET" TAKES PLACE, VIOLENCE DOES SOMETIMES RESULT. [REDACTED] A VVAW MEMBER OF THE BUFFALO CHAPTER, STATED THAT VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS WAS GENERALLY HOW PEOPLE GET THEIR WAY WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT.

[REDACTED], SUPRA, MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR ALL VVAW CHAPTERS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE WDC
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DEMONSTRATION AS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST "BIG" VVAW
DEMONSTRATION FOR NATIONAL ACTION SINCE 1973 AND PEOPLE HAVE
TO BE PUT INTO THE STREET.

LITERATURE AND POSTERS REGARDING THE JULY 1-4, 1974
WASHINGTON D.C. DEMONSTRATION WERE GIVEN TO THE DELEGATES
PRESENT, FOR DISTRIBUTION BY VVAW MEMBERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
CHAPTER AREAS.

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PRIMARILY OF VETERANS OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM
THAT HAS ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM DURING
1970-1972, INCLUDING THE TAKEOVER OF VARIOUS
AMERICAN LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS
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REFERENCE BUREAU TEL TO NEW YORK AND BUFFALO, MAY 2,
1974. SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED] b2
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AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, ABOVE SOURCE PLANNED TO
ATTEND THE ABOVE MEETING [REDACTED] b7C
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OF THE ACTIVITY BY THE SOURCE WAS LIMITED DUE TO
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SOURCE HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY ALERTED CONCERNING
ALLEGATIONS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF [REDACTED] b7D
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AND HE IS PREPARED FOR ANY POTENTIAL [REDACTED]
OVER THIS ALLEGATIONS.

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FURTHER PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF SOURCE, DUE TO ALLEGATIONS
DESCRIBED ABOVE.

APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK,
COGNIZANT OF THE MAY 18, 1974 DEMONSTRATION.

FD 306/ TO BE SUBMITTED TO BUFFALO.

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